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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.30	10.55	11.35	12.50	1.15	2.30	2.55	3.20
Yuenai ...Dep.	6.50	8.15	8.40	9.25	10.40	11.05	11.45	13.00	1.25	2.40	3.05	3.30
Shatin ...Dep.	7.00	8.25	8.50	9.35	10.50	11.15	11.55	13.10	1.35	2.50	3.15	3.40
Taipei ...Dep.	7.10	8.35	9.00	9.45	11.00	11.25	12.05	13.20	1.45	3.00	3.25	3.50
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.20	8.45	9.10	9.55	11.10	11.35	12.15	13.30	1.55	3.10	3.35	4.00
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	9.20	10.05	11.20	11.45	12.25	13.40	2.05	3.20	3.45	4.10
Shanghai ...Dep.	7.40	9.05	9.30	10.15	11.30	11.55	12.35	13.50	2.15	3.30	3.55	4.20
Shanghai ...Arr.	7.50	9.15	9.40	10.25	11.40	12.05	12.45	14.00	2.25	3.40	4.05	4.30
Canton ...Arr.	8.00	9.25	9.50	10.35	11.50	12.15	12.55	14.10	2.35	3.50	4.15	4.40

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THE VOTE.

SHOULD EVERY WOMAN
HAVE IT?

MARCONI COMPANY LOSSES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, March 19th.

I learn that considerable opposition is growing in the Conservative Party to Mr. Baldwin's proposal to extend the franchise to women on an equal basis with men. The Prime Minister having made this promise at the last General Election, seems desirous to redeem it. The question has not, however, been settled by the Cabinet, and if the Conservatives can have their way there will not be any great haste in introducing the Premier's measure. One of the main objections to a further extension of votes to women is that it would mean that in every constituency there would be a predominance of women on the register, and even if the age limit were made 25 instead of 21 there would still not be half a dozen divisions in the country in which male voters would be in the majority.

The question of expense is another important consideration. At present an allowance of 5d. a voter in boroughs and 7d. in country constituencies is allowed each candidate for election expenses. It is computed by experts that the addition of women voters of 21 and over would mean in a three-cornered fight an addition of not less than £750 to the expenses that may be legally incurred. In addition many more polling stations would have to be provided, with an army of new polling clerks and other officials, necessitating a very considerable additional expenditure.

At present women over thirty have a Parliamentary vote, and there is no very strong reason why young women of 21 should be given the franchise. At that age how many of the sex know or care anything about political questions. They are more interested in other things.

The Marconi Company.

There were many lively scenes and incidents at the general meeting of the shareholders of the Marconi Company held in London this week, but that was to be expected at a great gathering of shareholders who made speeches for five solid hours. But in the end the policy of the directors was approved. Mr. Kellaway, the managing director, who succeeded the late Mr. Godfrey Isaacs at the end of 1924, was able to show that the present management was not responsible for the staggering losses the Company sustained prior to that date.

The losses amount to £2,769,168, and it has been decided to write off this stupendous sum and at the same time to reduce the capital of the Company by half. Opinion in the City takes the view that this is a desperate measure, and that though there is the most important fact that there are no reserves. But under good management no doubt a reserve can be built up again, and in due course the great Marconi undertaking should make satisfactory returns to the shareholders. Most of the losses referred to were sustained through investing in other concerns, to the number of 82, and some of these businesses had no concern at all with wireless.

"Beam" Wireless Triumph.

There is a touch of irony in the circumstance that at the time when the shareholders of the Marconi Company were hotly disputing about the deplorable state of the finances, an announcement was made in the Press of the complete success of the "beam" wireless system invented and developed by Senator Marconi with the assistance of his technical staff. Senator Marconi, who is Chairman of the Company, threatened to resign and have nothing more to do in any way with the undertaking if the shareholders turned out the present directors; and it was while he was facing the crisis at the general meeting that he achieved his triumph in having established the beam wireless communication with Australia so completely that the most exacting tests imposed by the Post Office were completely satisfied.

(Continued on next column).

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Another well known and esteemed "old Shanghai hand" has said good-bye to Shanghai after having been here since 1912, in the person of Mr. J. A. Smallbones, for the past 13 years a member of the staff of the Ledger Office, S.M.S. Electricity Department. Mr. Smallbones, accompanied by Mrs. Smallbones, left by the *ss. Devanha* for Hong Kong and thence to South Africa where he will spend several months with his sons and daughters before retiring to England.

Before his departure he received an expression of appreciation from the Chinese staff with whom he had worked for so many years. A handsome bronze incense burner and a Nanking embroidery of particularly fine pattern were presented to him by the staff.

Among the numerous activities in which Mr. Smallbones has taken part in the community may be counted his devotion to the work of the Philatelic Society. He has, himself, a fine collection of Chinese stamps and has always been active in the exhibitions, etc. held by this society.—*North China Daily News*.

There has been continuous transmission between this country and Australia for 12 hours daily each way at a speed of 175 words a minute, and I understand that at times 500 words a minute were achieved. It is said that the problem of "fading" when messages become faint or fall away altogether, which is one of the unsolved mysteries of wireless, has not yet been solved, but the trouble is now considerably less than on the occasion of previous tests.

On the question whether beam wireless will seriously affect the cable companies, I am informed that the Post Office will work both systems side by side. The public stand to benefit, as is evident in the recent reduction of cable rates from 3/- to 2/6 a word, with a prospect of a further reduction to 2/-. According to the inventor beam wireless can be used for telephony, and also for the wonderful facsimile transmission of written and printed messages of which more will be heard at an early date.

The New Madame Tussauds.

It is interesting to hear that Madame Tussauds, with its former attractions, including the Chamber of Horrors, is to be restored. Since the famous old place was burnt out there has been talk of restarting it, but it was a question of money. It now seems that as a result of the insurance, various sales and other items, over £50,000 has become available, and so the building is to be re-erected, and Mr. John Tussaud will represent the family as a director of the new company.

The disastrous fire made an end of the Napoleon relics which were a feature of the old Tussauds, including the identical coach used by the great man when he fled after the Battle of Waterloo. But fortunately the flames did not destroy the original moulds from which the wax figures were cast, and new figures are being reproduced. The Chamber of Horrors, now to be called the Dungeon of Horrors, will be in the basement. Mr. Tussaud stated a few days ago that the interest taken in the Chamber pre-empted all grades of society. "I have seen statesmen and members of the highest families in the land," he said, "walk in there, as well as scientific and medical men."

As regards celebrities for other quarters than the notorious "dungeon," Mr. Tussaud has completed a head of Mussolini, and is at work on Hindenburg and the Dominion Premier. Authors will make a good display for Sir James Barrie, Mr. H. G. Wells, Mr. Jerome, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle will be on view. The show will, it is expected, begin business by the end of the year.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Bank Holiday.
Cricket: Hong Kong v. United Services, H.K.C.C. ground, 11 a.m.
Volunteer Annual Rifle Meeting, Stonecutters' Range.
2nd Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley (second day).
Golf: Easter Meeting; Shanghai Visitors' Cup (Fanning).
Entries close for Trevesa Trophy Race.
Lawn Bowls: K.C.C. v. K.B.G.C. Football: Winners of League I. v. the "Rest" H.K.F.C. ground, 5 p.m.; Winners of League II. Section "A" (H.K.F.C. ground), 3 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
Fancy Dress Carnival Dance, R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Monte Carlo."
World Theatre: "Red Hot Tires."
Star Theatre: "Her Fatal Millions."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (*Ilzezenor*), 9 a.m.

Tuesday.

H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).
Sanitary Board meeting, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club v. Royal Navy, U.S.R.C. ground, 3.15 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
H.K. Dance Club second dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.
Queen's Theatre: "Poker Faces."
World Theatre: "The Story Without a Name."
Star Theatre: "The Old Soak."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (*Ilzezenor*), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

St. Joseph's College 11th Annual sports, H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, noon.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).
7th Bi-annual race for ships' lifeboats for the "Trevesa" Trophy, 4 p.m.
Tea dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Football: H.M.S. *Delhi* v. Chinese A.A., Club ground, 5 p.m.
Hockey: Club v. Volunteers, King's Park, 5.15 p.m.

Methodist Rally, Hong Kong Wesleyan Church, Queen's Road East. Reception and tea, 6 p.m.
Public Meeting and Community Singing, 7 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Poker Faces."
World Theatre: "The Story Without a Name."
Star Theatre: "The Old Soak."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, U.S.A., etc., Europe via Vancouver and via Siberia (*Empress of Russia*), 10 a.m.

Thursday.

China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd., extraordinary general meeting, St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Temp-tress."
World Theatre: "Monna Vanna."
Star Theatre: "Our Hospitality."

Friday.

Practical Demonstration on Home Nursing, Matilda Hospital, 3.30 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Temp-tress."
World Theatre: "Monna Vanna."
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Principal Mails:—Inward Australia, etc. (*Mitshima Maru*).

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NANKING NOTE.

CHEN'S CHARACTERISTIC
QUIBBLING.

PRESS COMMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, April 14th.

The Consuls of the five Powers concerned in the Nanking Note (Britain, America, France, Japan and Italy) have received replies to the Note from Mr. Eugene Chen, Acting Foreign Affairs Minister for the Kuomintang.

The chief point in the replies is the proposal for an International Commission to investigate the "incident."

The replies to Britain and America speak of "the bombardment of defenceless Nanking" and the replies to Britain and France mention the "bombardment of defenceless Shamen," this apparently referring to the shootings of June, 1926.

In all other respects the replies are identical, and they remark that such incidents as Nanking will occur so long as unequal treaties exist, and propose a Commission to revise them.

The replies do not admit responsibility for the Nanking affair.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The "Times."

LONDON, April 16th.

Mr. Eugene Chen has conducted a characteristic reply to the Powers' Notes, says the "Times," which has much less relation to the tragic events than certain shallow political calculations based on the idea that the Powers, though formally united, might be divided at a later stage, also the assumption that sections of opinion, particularly in Great Britain and America, might still be dissuaded by specious arguments from supporting their Governments in a very serious protest against intolerable outrages.

Mr. Chen brandishes a few platitudes which his own Government contemptuously tramples on daily. He evades with cheap rhetoric every one of the demands in the Notes. He does not apologise. He merely professes willingness to apologise "if and when."

The paper asks if Mr. Chen really thinks his case is helped by such levity as expressed in the declaration in reply that "the Nationalist Army authorities will be instructed to protect foreign lives and property."

The "Times" states that the results of the international enquiry proposed by Mr. Chen already exist in the sworn declarations by British, American, and Japanese witnesses (as addressed particularly toward Britain).

Mr. Chen's reply is infinitely worse than the rhetorical evasion of an irresponsible demagogue. He knows better than anyone the British attitude on the existing Treaties as so lately exemplified by the rendition of the Hankow and Kiukiang Concessions.

After calling attention to the present conditions there, the paper says that Mr. Chen hitherto has given no proof that any trust whatever can be placed in his word. A "heavy liability for the Nanking outrages remains and Mr. Chen and his Government must face it."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A Regrettable Omission.

LONDON, April 16th.

The "Daily Telegraph" expresses the opinion that it is regrettable that information has been hitherto officially withheld regarding the intentions of the Powers in connection with sanctions for the Nanking outrages.

It declares that it is now officially confirmed that the British, American, French, and Japanese Admirals and the senior Italian Captain have been requested by their Governments to submit a scheme of sanctions should the Cantonese decline to make proper amends.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

French Comment.

PARIS, April 16th.

French opinion considers that Mr. Eugene Chen's reply is quite unsatisfactory. It points out that his maneuver to try to divide the Powers by separate replies is too transparent, and Nationalist misconduct is too glaring for such an attempt to succeed. It declares that if only the Powers stand firm, the reaction against the Communists in China will strengthen, but if it gives way an inch the plotters in Moscow and Hankow will breathe again. United proposals are recommended as a sequel to the Powers' united protest.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEW FRENCH COMMAND IN THE ORIENT.

PARIS, April 16th.

Rear-Admiral Stoltz, who will succeed Admiral Basire, will leave Marseilles on May 6th to take up the command of the Far Eastern naval forces in China.

CHIANG KAI SHEK.

HANKOW "REDS" IN ACTIVE
OPPOSITION.

EACH SIDE TAKING ACTIVE
STEPS.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SHANGHAI, April 16th.

Chiang Kai Shek is still at Nanking. His former allies at Hankow are now in active opposition to him and he to them. He is reported to be consulting with Moderates from his own Southern leaders and also with Moderates from the Northern party as to a future policy.

Chiang's dismissal from Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist military forces by the Hankow section is confirmed.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Chiang "Dismissed."

SHANGHAI, April 16th.

The "Reds" at Hankow have dismissed Marshal Chiang Kai Shek from his position as Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army, it is reliably reported.

The Moderate Marshal is now at Nanking and it is understood that he has been in negotiation with the leaders of the Moderate Party on both the Northern and Southern sides. They have been conferring on the future policy of the Moderates.

Since the capture of Pukow by the Northerners, firing on passing vessels from both banks of the river has increased considerably.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow's Denunciation.

LONDON, April 16th.

Bolshevik indignation at Marshal Chiang Kai Shek's anti-Communist activities is exemplified in a manifesto by the Communist International, transmitted from Moscow, declaring that Chiang Kai Shek is a traitor to the Chinese revolution and an ally of the imperialists, also an enemy of the labour movement and the Communist International. It says that capitalist forces are uniting against the Chinese revolution, and calls upon the workers of the world and the oppressed peoples to protest against the preparations for a new world war, and demand the withdrawal of the troops from China, and in every way prevent the transport of arms and troops.

The "Pravda" compares Chiang Kai Shek with Cuvignac, who crushed the revolution in France in 1849, and speaks of the possibility of Chiang coming to a peaceful understanding with Marshal Chang Tso Lin. The paper says the masses have accepted the challenge, and the Chinese Communist party will rally more closely to the revolutionary Kuomintang, and will more energetically assemble new forces with which to proceed to final victory.

LATEST BRITISH NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

NEW SENIOR OFFICER FOR THE YANGTZE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 16th.

The Admiralty announces the appointments of Rear-Admirals Bertram Thesiger and Hugh Tweedie, to be Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Station and Senior Naval Officer of the Yangtze, respectively, in succession to Vice-Admiral Ellerton and Rear-Admiral Cameron.

[Rear-Admiral Bertram Sackville Thesiger, C.B., C.M.G., has been Admiral Superintendent of Portsmouth Dockyard since 1925. He is 52 years of age, and entered the Royal Navy in 1887. He was in the Jutland action, and was mentioned in despatches and given the C.B. for his services then. He was appointed A.D.C. to the King in 1922.

Rear-Admiral Hugh J. Tweedie was lately in command of the Grand Fleet Destroyer Flotilla. He is 50 years of age, and has had an extensive service in the Navy, including spells in the Mediterranean, at the Cape, the China coast, West Indies, North America, Mexico, and South American waters generally. During the late war he served on Belgium, Suez, Dardanelles, and in the Adriatic. He was made a C.B. in 1919, and appointed naval A.D.C. to the King in 1925. His decorations include the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun. He was promoted Rear-Admiral last year.]

CHINESE MINISTER TO JAPAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 15th.

The Chinese Minister to Japan is leaving for China to-night, apparently owing to the non-receipt of his salary.

VIOLENT GALES OFF SPANISH COAST.

HUNDREDS OF CRAFT
WRECKED.

BRITISH WARSHIP TO THE
RESCUE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MADRID, April 14th.

There have been violent gales on the coasts of North Africa and Spain.

Many vessels, including hundreds of fishing craft, have been wrecked, and numerous lives have been lost. Business is at a standstill at Melilla. A cyclone at Malaga destroyed many houses.

An S.O.S. Call.

A British destroyer from Gibraltar, in response to an S.O.S. call, rescued in the midst of a tempest the crew of thirty from the steamer *Collingdale*, aground off Melilla.

Great Damage in Algeria.

PARIS, April 14th.

Great damage has been suffered at Oran, in Algeria, where many ships broke away from their moorings, trees were torn up, roofs were blown off, and the crops were ruined.

DESTRUCTIVE EARTH-QUAKE IN SOUTH AMERICA.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BUENOS AIRES, April 14th.

An earthquake occurred at 2.30 this morning in Chile and Argentina. A number of houses were demolished in the town of Mendoza, where two persons were killed and 30 injured. The shock was felt at Buenos Aires and other towns, but there were no casualties in these cases.

A report from Santiago de Chile says that several buildings partially collapsed in the earthquake, which was felt early in the morning, and it is believed six people were killed and many injured. Telegraphic communication with other cities is interrupted.

Many Killed and Injured.

MENDOZA, April 15th.

At least 16 people were killed and 50 injured in the earthquake mentioned yesterday, which lasted 20 seconds.

Reports from the interior of the province of Mendoza indicate that the casualties are likely to total 100. Fourteen houses at Mendoza collapsed. The Church of San Nicholas was wrecked.

NAVAL LIMITATION.

THE THREE-POWER
CONFERENCE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 15th.

As a result of exchanges with the Governments of Britain and Japan, the date of the meeting of the three-Power naval limitation conference has been provisionally fixed as June 12th.

FRENCH CATHOLIC PRIEST MURDERED IN BURMA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RANGOON, April 15th.

A French Catholic missionary, Father Chagnon, who had worked for 30 years in the Maubin district, has been murdered in his bedroom, the motive apparently being robbery.

The identity of the perpetrators of the crime is unknown.

AIRMEN FALL INTO WORLD'S HIGHEST LAKE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LIMA, PERU, April 16th.

Senhora Sariotte and Peirances, who intended flying from Buenos Aires to New York crashed, near Puno on Lake Titikaka, probably the highest lake in the world, 3,000 feet above sea level. Both airmen were injured.

FLYING RECORD.

REMARKABLE ENDURANCE
FEAT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, April 14th.

Two civilians, Bert Acosta and Clarence Chamberlain, broke the world's flying endurance record in a Belanca monoplane.

They took off at 9.30 on Tuesday, and aimed to remain in the air for fifty hours. They landed after 51 1/2 hours, 12 minutes.

These airmen intend shortly to cross the Atlantic in the same machine, which has a 400 horsepower Wright engine.

The record hitherto is 45 hours, 11 minutes and 50 seconds.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 14th.

The House of Commons has adjourned until April 26th.

PIANOS FOR HIRE

AT

MOUTRIE'S,
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ECHO OF A GENEVA TRAGEDY.

SWITZERLAND AND RUSSIA
RECONCILED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MOSCOW, April 16th.

Russian and Swiss plenipotentiaries in Berlin have signed a protocol settling differences which have persisted since the murder of Vorovsky during the famous Lausanne Conference.

Switzerland condemns the murder, expresses regret and promises to grant Vorovsky's daughter material aid. Both parties declare the conflict ended and mutual restrictive measures abrogated.

Thus ends a disagreement which the Soviets have consistently urged for many years as the reason for their refusal to accept invitations to participate in various League of Nations meetings at Geneva, notably the Disarmament Conference.

SOCIETY'S "GODLESS UNION."

ANTI-RELIGIOUS EASTER
CAMPAIGN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIGA, April 15th.

The Bezbozhniki, otherwise the "Godless Union," is celebrating Easter by launching an anti-religious campaign, which the Moscow traders' union are seconding by instructing the various guilds and unions actively to assist the atheists.

The Council of Trades' Unions has also instructed the unions to afford the necessary financial help and provide the workers' club premises for anti-religious performances.

POLISH MAYOR ASSASSINATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WARSAW, April 14th.

Cyzarek, the Mayor of Lodz, has been assassinated. He was attacked and killed with a knife thrust, just as he was leaving his house.

OBITUARY.

VETERAN ENGLISH ARTIST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 16th.

The death is announced of the famous English artist, Mr. Henry Holiday.

[Mr. Henry Holiday was born in London nearly 88 years ago, and was a young student at the Royal Academy in 1854. He was early impressed with the appeal of the pre-Raphaelites. His acquaintances and friends included famous people like Millais, Rossetti, and Holman Hunt, and with Burne-Jones he had a life-long friendship, while with Albert Moore, Marcus Stone and Simon Solomon he formed a sketch club while at the Royal Academy. His first picture at the Academy was of Durdlestone Bay, painted in 1857. The Guildhall Gallery and Liverpool have secured examples of his work. In 1899 he invented a new form of enamel on metal in relief, and issued several notable publications on his art. In 1871 he went out to India as a member of Sir Norman Lockyer's eclipse expedition.]

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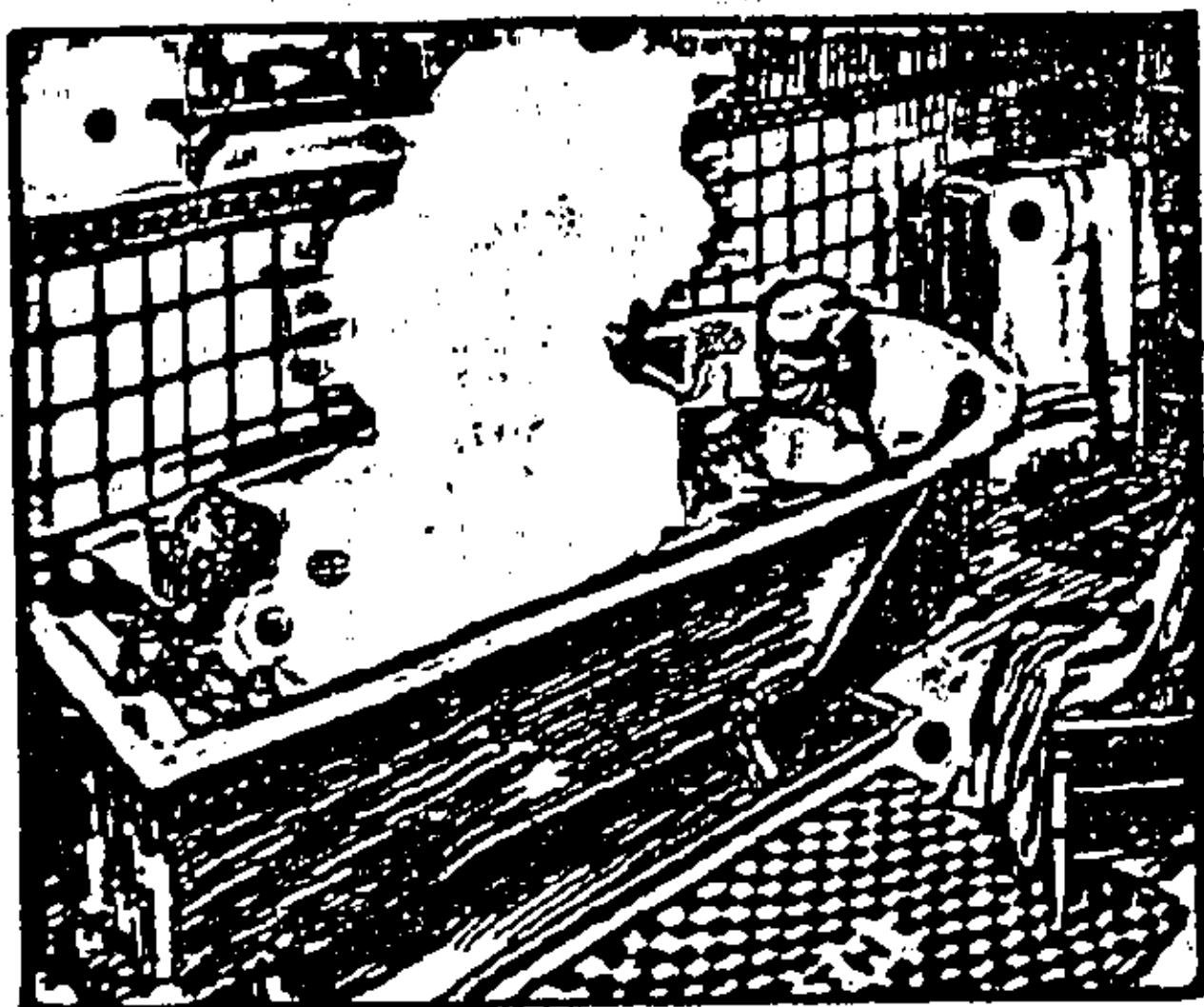
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HOW THE "MANTIS" WAS BROUGHT FROM CHUNGKING.

HER GREAT LENGTH A DIFFICULTY IN THE RAPIDS.

AMERICAN PILOT'S SPLENDID FEAT.

Among the arrivals by the Yangtze Rapids Steamship Company's str. *P. Ling* on Sunday was Mr. L. H. Drakeford, District Inspector of the Chinese Government Salt Revenue of Szechuan.

In conversation with Mr. Drakeford a representative of the *North China Daily News* gathered the following particulars of the skilful feat of bringing H.M.S. *Mantis* from Chungking through the dangerous passage in the Yangtze Gorges known as the charts as Cha-Pang-Tzu, but more commonly referred to as Tai-Pang-Tzu, a rapid not far below Chungking, and about 310 miles above Ichang.

H.M.S. *Mantis* is 230 feet long. She got to Chungking several months ago, during the high-water season, and it has been the topic of conversation among the naval men and civilians at Chungking how she was to be got out before about the middle of May. The difficulty lay not with her draft, which is normally about 4 feet 9 inches, but with her length, which is 70 or 80 feet more than that of the largest vessel navigating the Upper Yangtze.

The Terrible Cha-Pang-Tzu.

The special point of difficulty was at Cha-Pang-Tzu, where there is a swift rapid, with a very narrow channel at low water levels. This channel makes a sharp turn about half way down its length. According to the views of most persons acquainted with the navigation of the upper river, the *Mantis* would inevitably strike either the bow or stern on the jagged rocks, fringing the channel at the bend, should she attempt to take this turn when the water mark at Chungking was less than 12 feet. As the ship would be making about 15 or 16 knots per hour in the rapid, her sides would be ripped open and she would be practically doomed to certain destruction, should she fail to clear the sharp turn.

When in the last days of March the complete evacuation of British and American subjects was decided on, the naval authorities drew up a scheme of movement of passengers to the available vessels, and Mr. Drakeford found himself posted to H.M.S. *Mantis*.

A Desperate Alternative.

As regards H.M.S. *Wedgwood* and *Teal*, which were also at Chungking, with the U.S.S. *Monocacy* and the merchant vessels *Mei Lu* (Standard Oil Company) and *Shu Tung* (Butterfield & Swire), the situation was somewhat less dangerous, as their commanders had all some experience of the Upper River, and their length was no impediment in negotiating the Cha-Pang-Tzu Rapid. But Lieut.-Comdr. Douglas-Hamilton, of the *Mantis*, had only recently taken over his ship, and had never navigated her.

Up to about March 27th the river level was less than 18 inches, but on the 30th it had risen to almost seven feet. It is understood that there was some thought on the part of the naval authorities of blowing up the *Mantis* should the pilots be called out and evacuation become necessary, before the water level had reached at least 12 feet.

An Expert To The Job.

At this juncture the Yangtze Rapids Steamship Company's str. *P. Ling*, Captain Tornroth, arrived at Chungking. She was promptly requisitioned by Captain Jacob, of the U.S.S. *Monocacy*, and, in pursuance of the policy of cordial co-operation between the British and American naval authorities which had been a pleasant feature of the anxious days preceding the evacuation, the question of navigating the *Mantis* through the Cha-Pang-Tzu Rapid was referred to Captain Tornroth.

That well-known Upper Yangtze skipper expressed the opinion that the *Mantis* could be got through the Cha-Pang-Tzu. He further agreed to see her through it himself, and the British Senior Naval Officer, Commander Barryman, received the permission of the Rear-Admiral of the Yangtze to make the attempt.

Preparing For The Attempt.

Final orders for complete evacuation having been given on March 30th the *Mantis*, preceded by H.M.S. *Teal* and the *P. Ling*, left Chungking at about 7.45 a.m. on the 31st. The water mark then stood at 8 feet 8 inches, falling. At about 11.30 a.m. the *Mantis* anchored above the town of Changshou, and Lieut.-Comdr. Douglas-Hamilton, Captain Tornroth and Mr. Fletcher made a survey of the Cha-Pang-Tzu Rapid, using the Asiatic Petroleum Company's launch *Fu Kuang* and Butterfield & Swire's motor-boat *Pao Ning*, and anchoring flags to indicate the centre of the channel. Meanwhile several huge fenders of eight-inch logs of wood bound together, were prepared and secured on the side of the

Mantis towards the stern, to minimize as far as possible the blow, should she strike in swinging round the dangerous bend. Bales of cotton waste were placed between the fenders and the ship's plates, as cushions.

Sylla And Charybdis.

At about 3 p.m., in perfect weather conditions, Lieut.-Comdr. Douglas-Hamilton and Captain Tornroth took post on the bridge of the *Mantis*, the civilian passengers mounted to the search-light platform above, and the shooting of the Cha-Pang-Tzu Rapid by the longest vessel on the Upper Yangtze began, anxiously watched by all on the *Teal*, the *Wedgwood*, the *Shu Tung* and the other vessels making up the evacuation flotilla.

Quickly, gathering way as the speed of the current increased, the *Mantis*, slid into the rapid. Faster and faster grew the pace, and at last the crucial moment arrived when she was in the sharp bend. Fortunately, owing to her powerful engines, easy control, and the masterly judgment of her volunteer pilot, the dangerous point was turned without apparent difficulty, and it seemed as if the British Navy might safely congratulate itself on retaining the *Mantis* in commission.

Nearly a Catastrophe.

The thing was so well done that the actual thrill for which the spectators on the *Mantis* had braced themselves failed to materialize. The town of Changshou was passed immediately below the Rapid, and the passengers were about to descend when they saw that the channel immediately ahead was half blocked by a vicious looking reef, which projected itself menacingly into the river. This looked far more dangerous to the layman than the rapid just passed through, and so in truth it proved.

As the *Mantis* drew close to the reef it was necessary to turn to port to clear them, and it was apparent that it was going to be "touch and go" with her. Slowly the stern swung out and out towards the point of the reef, and it seemed that the ship was bound to impale herself on it. One of the party on the searchlight platform exclaimed "She'll never it!"

A Bolshevik Pilot?

At that moment there was a shout from the bridge below: "What the devil are you about?" and a rush of feet. It seemed as if the danger avoided at Cha-Pang-Tzu was to overtake the *Mantis* here. A moment later the stern had swung clear of the rocks by a margin reckoned by competent observers to be less than ten feet!

Subsequently it was found that there were serious grounds for doubting the loyalty of the No. 2 Chinese pilot, to whom the navigation of the ship had been entrusted after passing the Cha-Pang-Tzu Rapid. At the critical moment Captain Tornroth had rushed over, pushed away the pilot, and taken charge of the wheel, and the impending disaster was averted by the proverbial hairsbreadth. The pilot was promptly suspended from duty, forbidden to approach the bridge again, and was dismissed on arrival at Ichang.

For the remainder of the trip to Ichang, which was reached at about 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 2nd, the *Mantis* was piloted by the No. 1 Chinese pilot and Capt. Tornroth. The usual difficulties of navigating such a long vessel through the Gorges were successfully coped with, and so far as the passengers were aware no other extraordinary dangers were met with en route.

Capt. Tornroth's Splendid Work.

It is the consensus of opinion of all concerned that in bringing the *Mantis* through the Cha-Pang-Tzu Rapid at such a low level Captain Tornroth performed a valuable service to the British Navy. The warmest congratulations on his skill and coolness were expressed by all the British naval officers of the evacuation flotilla, and by both British and American officers at Ichang and Hankow, and it is doubtful whether, under the decision completely to evacuate Chungking, the *Mantis* would be in commission to-day with her useful six inch guns, were it not for the services of this capable and courageous American shipmaster.

Capt. Tornroth's Record.

Capt. W. Tornroth has a brilliant record. He was born in Finland in the year 1879 and is a naturalized American. He joined the American Navy at the age of 16 and went with Admiral Dewey to the Philippines. He is also a veteran of the Spanish American war. During the Great War he was Lieut.-Comdr. on the transport *Mongolia*. He arrived in China five years ago in the employ of the Robert Dollar Steamship Co. and was master of the *Alice Dollar*.

YANGTZE TOWNS IN FERMENT.

PLOTS AGAINST JAPANESE
AT HANKOW.

POSITION WORSE THAN EVER.

Hankow continues to be in a state of tension, according to yesterday's reports, says the *North China Daily News* of April 15th. Strong defences have been erected by the Japanese around the 'Concession' and volunteers are mobilized. All private Japanese property outside the Concession is being brought inside by an arrangement with the Chinese authorities, who, however, are not permitting things to remain at a standstill. A meeting of the Political Bureau and the Military party was held on Saturday to discuss the question of whether to take the Japanese Concession over without more ado or not. It is understood that the former was in favour of the action and that the latter party was against. The result of the meeting is not definitely known, however.

Considerable movement is going on among the Chinese population who are displaying manifest uneasiness at the present state of affairs.

Labour Attacks On Chins.

Reports from Ichang state that things are going from bad to worse there also. The Labour Union continues to make outrageous demands and have not limited their attacks to the few remaining foreigners but are directing them against Chinese capitalists, according to reliable information. The manager of Young Brothers Banking Corporation, was badly beaten owing to his refusal to comply with the Union's demands.

Standard Oil Installations

are now closed at Ichang and waded, this having been done on April 7th, and the U.S.S. *Monocacy* and *Elcano* are proceeding downriver with some of the Yangtze Steamship Company's ships in convoy. All American gunboats as well as British have now left stations up river beyond Hankow.

The Tide Of Education.

The U.S. Consulate at Changsha was closed on Friday and the last party of evacuees, including the American consul who is on board U.S.S. *Palos*, have left for Hankow. Japanese are also evacuating Changsha and all Japanese gunboats above Hankow are being removed. A similar action is expected by the French, of whom all shall have evacuated Szechuan by April 30th, according to reliable information. A few American missionaries still remain in Szechuan because of their refusal to evacuate, but their position is not deemed on enviable one with the removal of foreign gunboats and the closing of foreign consulates consistently in places above Hankow.

Japanese evacuated Wuhu on April 17th, and the next two days were reported as quiet. A telegram has been received by representatives in Wuhu of Jardine's, Butterfield & Swire, and the Japanese firm N.K.K. from the Political Council of the province through the native superintendent of the Customs, saying, "Owing to the non-calling of steamers of the various companies when passing through Aiking, great inconvenience has been felt amongst the public. Please take this matter up with the companies concerned regarding embarking passengers to their steamers from said ports and obtain their replies in the matter."

It is understood that a similar reply is being sent by each company to the effect that the matter is being referred to their respective headquarters.

Big Fire In Wuhu.

A big fire was noted in the native part of Wuhu on Saturday night. The city is reported as quiet, generally, and no movement of troops has been taking place in the last few days.

BRITAIN AND CHINA.

SOLUTION OF ANGLO-RUSSIAN DIFFERENCES.

Members of Parliament and a considerable sprinkling of Chinese were present at a meeting addressed by Professor John W. Nind Smith on "Britain, China, and the Kuomintang," in the House of Commons, under the auspices of the National Council for the Propagation of War.

Professor Smith, who until last year was Professor of Education at Hong Kong University, said there were two points of view—one that the Cantonese were bandits and murderers, and the other that both sides were bandits and murderers, and that the best British attitude should be not to intervene unless necessary. The Kuomintang, actually was a genuine Nationalist movement with a spirit as intense as that in the movement for the liberation of Italy under Garibaldi, only the Chinese movement affected nearly a third of the population of the globe. The Chinese were not Bolsheviks. They believed in the doctrine of Sun Yat Sen, which was that the State should aid the capitalist, but the capitalist should be willing to subordinate himself to the State when the two were in conflict.

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THE NEW REGULATIONS.

The new factory regulations, made by the Governor in Council under the Factory (Accident) Ordinance, 1927, Ordinance No. 3, of 1927, provide that every factory accident of a serious enough nature to keep an employee away for three days is to be reported to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, a further report being made if the mishap proves fatal. It also provides for the proper fencing of all moving and dangerous plants.

The full text of the regulations is as follows:

1. Subject to any exemption granted by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs these regulations shall apply to all factories.

2. It shall be lawful for the Secretary for Chinese Affairs to exempt any factory, or any class of factory, from all or any of these regulations, and to withdraw any such exemption.

3. (1) Every accident in a factory which results in loss of life or which disables any person employed in the factory so as to cause him to be absent for more than three days from his ordinary work shall, within seven days thereof, be reported on the form in the appendix hereto, either at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs or at a police station.

(2) If any accident causing disablement is notified under this regulation and the accident subsequently results in the death of the person disabled, notice in writing of the death shall forthwith be given either at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs or at a police station.

4. (1) All driving belts passing through floors shall be securely fenced to a height of 6 feet from the floor.

(2) All driving belts used for main driving or counter-driving which are within 6 feet of the floor or other place to which the workers have access shall be securely fenced.

(3) All overhead main driving belts, if more than four inches wide, shall be protected underneath with strong guards of wood or metal at those parts where persons are likely to pass under them.

5. All moving parts of any machinery which are adjacent to any passage way shall be securely fenced.

6. All dangerous parts of all machinery, and every part of the mill-gearing, must either be securely fenced, or be in such position or of such construction or to be equally safe to every person employed or working in the factory, as it would be if it were securely fenced.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, "mill gearing" includes every shaft, wheel, drum and pulley and every other appliance by which motion or power is communicated to any machine.

7. All fly wheels, all pulleys, and all exposed wheels, shall be securely fenced, and all set screws and bolt heads shall be cut off or countersunk.

8. All shafting which runs at a height of less than 6 feet from the floor or any place to which the workers have access shall be securely fenced.

9. For the purposes of these regulations "securely fenced" means securely fenced to the satisfaction of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

10. All fencing must be constantly maintained in an efficient state while the parts required to be fenced are in motion or use, except where they are under repair or under examination in connection with repair, or are necessarily exposed for the purpose of cleaning or lubricating or for altering the gearing or arrangements of the parts of the machine.

1916 WAR LOAN.

BONDS DRAWN FOR REDEMPTION.

Notice is given in the Government Gazette that in accordance with the provisions of the War Loan Ordinance, 1916; the following Bonds were on April 11th drawn for redemption, viz:—

210 Bonds at \$10,000 each, Series E. Nos. E1-E210 inclusive.

The principal money represented by the drawn bonds and accrued interest thereon, will be repaid at the head office of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on April 30th, from which date the bonds will cease to bear interest.

Bonds presented for payment must have attached all appurtenant coupons becoming due on and after May 1st, 1927.

VALEDICTORY.

NAVAL YARD MEN LEAVE FOR HOME.

FAREWELL PRESENTATIONS.

On Thursday evening the Naval Dockyard Recreation Club room was crowded for a farewell function in honour of four Club members who are now "Homeward Bound," having sailed on Saturday for England on the P. & O. s.s. *Devanha*. They are Mr. G. O. West, Mr. B. Worth, of the Chief Constructor's Department, Mr. R. Derrick, of the Electrical Engineering Department, and Mr. Churcher, head of the Dockyard Police Force.

Chief Engineer W. Flegg presided, and among others present were Mr. J. S. Gillingham, Chief Constructor, and Mr. P. A. Yapp, Superintendent Electrical Engineer; while the Foremen and Inspectors of the various departments were also well represented.

Mr. GILLINGHAM made a presentation to Messrs. West and Worth. Handing them the parting gifts, consisting of tea-sets, gold watches and jade cuff links, he spoke in high appreciation of their work for the constructive department of the Yard during the past three years. They have now been re-appointed at Messrs. West and Worth as two in-defatigable workers and "sports."

They had sterling qualities and he was sorry to lose them, but the call of "Home" was one which could not be denied.

Suitable replies were made by the recipients of the gifts. Mr. Cooren, Foreman of the Yard, expressed his thanks for the assistance rendered to him by both Mr. West and Mr. West, and they were also thanked for the advice and help given to newcomers to the Department.

Mr. P. A. Yapp expressed his thanks to Mr. Derrick in the course of a witty speech. The speaker mentioned that Mr. Derrick had been attached to the Electrical Staff of the Yard and has been re-appointed at Home after three years' service in this Colony. Mr. Yapp went on to refer to Mr. Derrick as a "live wire" who was always on the spot when wanted, and after presenting Mr. Derrick with a silver tea-set, the speaker "cushioned" Mr. Derrick with a new pencil—a hard brand—"for signing his chits on the steamer during the voyage Home."

Mr. DERRICK suitably responded.

Retiring Police Officer.

The CHAIRMAN expressed regret at the departure on retirement of Mr. N. Churcher, Inspector of the Naval Yard Police since 1911. The duties had been arduous and Mr. Churcher had carried them out in a way that commanded respect and admiration. In presenting Mr. Churcher with a massive silver cigar and cigarette box, and a piece of carved ivory, Commander C. H. Phillips, R.N., paid a high tribute to Mr. Churcher's organising ability and hoped he would be spared many years to enjoy a well earned pension.

Mr. CHURCHER, in replying, said he keenly felt the severance from the department and old friends in the Colony.

On the call of the CHAIRMAN all the glasses were "charged," and the health of the four departing members was pledged. Musical honours were accorded, Fireman Mitchell being at the piano.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to a musical programme, among those who contributing being Messrs. Cooper, Robinson, Miller, Bennett, McGill, Grant, Stephenson, Grimster, Creswell, West, Derrick and Wynne. Mr. C. Mitchell accompanied throughout.

"PRESIDENT JACKSON" SAILS.

PASSENGERS WHO LEFT ON HER.

The *President Jackson* sailed for San Francisco via ports on Good Friday morning, booked to capacity as regards passengers.

Among the passengers leaving on her were the following:—

Mr. J. E. O'Brien, a prominent Java merchant, Mr. M. M. Wharton, who is in oil business in Malaya, and Dr. Hugh Mr. Smith, an adviser to the Siam Government, sailed for America. Colonel E. H. Pickwood, C.M.G., sailed for Japan. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Edwards, of the American Presbyterian Mission sailed for Seattle. Mr. S. Arai, Manager of the Nippon Ito Kaisha (silk merchants), sailed for Yokohama. Mr. D. M. Madan, an Indian merchant, sailed for Japan. Mr. C. G. Garbett, an official of the Indian Government, sailed for Seattle. Among other passengers were:—Mr. T. G. Brady, Mr. W. K. Chung (Lingnam University, Canton), Mr. Yung (of the Bank of China) and party, Mr. T. G. Evans and Mr. Lyons of the British-American Tobacco Co., Mr. Kan Yuk Kai of the Canton-Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co. and Mrs. Kan Yuk Kai, who are all bound for Shanghai.

Mr. Geo. J. McCarthy, passenger agent in the Orient of the Dollar Line and American Mail Line also left Hong Kong on the *President Jackson* for Shanghai, having come up from Manila on the same ship.

THIS WEEK'S CINEMAS.

"MONTE CARLO" AT THE QUEEN'S.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD COMEDY?

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

The Metro Goldwin Meyer Company will have to do better than "Monte Carlo" if they wish to maintain their reputation for producing good screen plays. It is, perhaps, a little hard to compare "Monte Carlo" with "Charlie's Aunt," but at the same time the comparison emphasises all the unnecessary weaknesses in the former play.

Comedy, to be successful, must strike one of two notes; it must either have a foundation of possibility, or it must be as inconsequently incredible as a dream. There is nothing in the story of "Charlie's Aunt" which might not have happened. An undergraduate's rag in which one of a trio cleverly personates an elderly woman in order to act as chaperone to the girls his friends are in love with; and two old gentlemen who are eager to marry the wealthy "aunt," despite her queer appearance, is by no means an impossible situation.

On the other hand, to be asked to believe that a paper in a small country town in America would send three girls, two of them oddities to Monte Carlo, put them up at a first class hotel and give them corresponding outfits; and send them in the charge of a reporter who has the appearance and manners of the worst sort of bounder, is an insult to the intelligence of any audience.

That might be passed over if the film were genuinely amusing, which, despite very plucky efforts, it is not. In their laudable desire to give us our money's worth the producer has provided: (1) a fat woman, (2) a thin one, (3) comic policemen and assassins, (4) a stage Frenchman, and (5) three male imposters, a commissioner "Duke," a wine steward "Count," and a penniless American "Prince." The consequence is that no situation is allowed to hold the stage. In pure knockabout it might be brought off, and it is only fair to say that there are really amusing moments, but there is a "sameness" about the film which means that instead of a crescendo of laughter, such as we heard at the World during the run of "Charlie's Aunt," there is a diminuendo and "the end" is greeted with what verges on being quite the wrong kind of sigh.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

At the Queen's: To-day, "Monte Carlo." To-morrow, "Wednesday, 'Poker Faces' which, with Laura La Plante and Edward Horton as stars and Pollard producing should be a really amusing play. Thursday to Saturday, "The Temptress" which was released in October 1926, and "Stars" Greta Garbo, that very charming Scandinavian actress, in what is billed as a tragic melodrama.

At the Star: To-day, "Her Fatal Millions," an amusing story of a pose which did not come off, featuring Violet Dano. To-morrow and Wednesday, "The Old Stock," the story of a unsuccessful old man who proves his worth. Thursday to Saturday, a delightful Buster Keaton film called "Our Hospitality."

At the World: To-day, "Red Hot Tires" with Monte Bleu and Patsy Ruth Miller in a racing chasing car-melodrama. To-morrow and Wednesday, "The Story Without a Name." Thursday to Saturday, "Monna Vanna." This is founded on the very fine play by Maurice Maeterlinck and deals with the old-time wars between Florence and Pisa. It should make an extraordinarily fine film.

THE TUNG SHAN HOTEL.

OPENING RECEPTION.

\$400 SPENT ON CRACKERS.

A "house-warming" reception was given by the Tung Shan Hotel on Saturday to over four hundred guests.

The hotel which is tastefully decorated, was opened to the public from 10 a.m. and the entertainment lasted till well after 4 p.m. The guests were entertained in the main dining room on the ground floor and the Confucian Band played selections throughout the day.

The Tung Shan Hotel stands on the sea front in Connaught Road West. The building commands a splendid view of the Harbour, and a beautiful panorama can be seen from the seventh floor.

There are about 70 rooms in the hotel. They range from \$2 to \$7 a day without food. The higher priced rooms are very comfortably furnished. There is a brass bed, eider down quilting, escritoire, telephone, and the usual fittings to be found in any high class European hotel.

The cheaper rooms, though not so well furnished, are quite comfortable.

The building, furniture and fittings cost the proprietors not less than \$400,000. In a small private dining room on the first floor, there is silver ware which must have cost a few thousand dollars.

The reception on Saturday was followed by strings and strings of crackers, about \$400 worth being let off.

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CHIANG KAI SHEK ASSERTS HIS AUTHORITY.

DRAMATIC ATTACK ON EXTREMIST ORGANISATIONS.

SHARP FIGHTING IN CANTON.

MARTIAL LAW IN SWATOW.

THEATRES USED TO ACCOMMODATE THE THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS.

SOUTH CLEARED OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE.

The storm, the rumblings of which have been heard for a week past, came to a head in the South on Good Friday. The extremist organisations had been preparing an anti-imperialist demonstration to take place on Saturday. According to rumour the intention was, during this parade, to make a sudden attack on Shamen. Even the originators of this scheme probably did not expect that it would succeed but it was hoped to create trouble with the foreigners which would place General Chiang Kai Shek and his military associates in Canton in an extremely embarrassing position. The demonstration, organised ostensibly against the Imperialists was, in fact, to be a trial of strength with the Chiang Kai Shek party.

MILITARISTS' PROMPT ACTION.

The military party, however, acted first and acted promptly. Nor did they confine their operations to Canton only. Throughout the South the extremist labour organisations were raided. In Swatow and in Canton there was some sharp fighting and casualties were suffered on both sides. But the militarists were everywhere successful. In Canton it is estimated that 200 people were killed and some thousands of "Reds" placed under arrest. It is, of course, impossible to get reliable figures, but for hours the ambulances were busily engaged in picking up the wounded and the military institutions were inadequate for the prisoners. Theatres had to be commandeered in order to accommodate them.

Women were arrested as well as men. Two extremist newspapers were raided and closed and have since re-appeared under the direction of new staffs with articles denouncing the Communists.

SAFEGUARDING THE FOREIGNER.

One eminently satisfactory feature of the whole proceeding was the elaborate precautions taken by the military and the police to safeguard foreign interests. The approaches to Shamen were heavily guarded and no one was allowed to pass. The raids took place simultaneously in all parts of the City in the early hours of Friday morning. As it was thought that Red leaders might attempt to escape to Hong Kong the Hong Kong and Canton boats alongside the wharves were requested at 7.30 a.m. to go into mid-stream. As they were, due to leave in any case in half-an-hour's time they decided to come straight to Hong Kong. The night boat which arrived at Canton shortly after 8 a.m., however, went alongside the wharf as usual as it was considered then that all trouble was over. Since that time matters have been absolutely normal in the Southern Capital. There is indeed an added sense of peace and security. Many shops, formerly closed by armed pickets, have already re-opened and people are going about their business with a feeling of relief that a crisis, long feared, has been successfully passed.

FOREIGN CONSULS' THANKS.

From Chinese sources we learn that the foreign Consuls on Shamen have jointly expressed their thankfulness to the Canton Government for its prompt action in suppressing the Red agitation and have cabled in the same strain to their respective Home Governments.

HIDING IN HONG KONG?

Although many hundreds of prisoners were taken the opinion is expressed in some Chinese quarters that many of the leading extremists managed to make good their escape. It is rumoured, for example, that Mr. Sa Chiu Ching, the Chairman of the Hong Kong and Canton Strike Committee, has fled to Hong Kong where he is now hiding. On the other hand it is reported that Mr. Chen Shu Yan, the Chief of the Political Department in Canton and Mr. Li Sing Yick, the Acting Commissioner of Finance, and the chief subordinate of Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister in Hankow, have both been detained.

KUOMINTANG PROCLAMATION.

At mid-day on Friday motor-cars toured the streets of Canton distributing thousands of circulars. A rough translation of the announcement broadcast in this way is as follows:—

"Our Labouring friends—For several years our Party Government has been following the ideas of our late President (Sun Yat Sen) with the object of helping the labourers and farmers to secure better prospects. The result has been contrary to expectations for we are now hard pressed by labour thieves who hold great power in the Communist Party."

"These labour thieves are cheating and pressing down the workers in order to destroy the Kuomintang to secure political power and private gain."

"We are happy to have cleared them out and we now ask all our working friends to come under the Kuomintang flag to protect General Chiang Kai Shek on his Northern expedition and in his fight against Imperialists. We wish truly to support the Three Peoples Policy in order to complete the Nationalist Revolution. So we shall secure, in the truest sense, the better prospects for all the farmers and labourers."

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The following announcement has been issued by the Canton Information Bureau:—

CANTON, 17th April, 1927.

The Canton Authorities, being informed of the presence of reactionary elements mixed with popular organisations, and with a view to frustrating any attempt to disturb public order, took the necessary steps to prevent trouble.

The Commander of the Defence Garrison and the Chief of Police, acting in conformity with instructions received, sent sufficient forces which surrounded the buildings where these elements were quartered and holding meetings.

There was no serious opposition except in Wongsha where there was

a concentration of these bad characters, but the military and police forces co-operated and had no difficulty in arresting them.

A few shots were exchanged. Martial law was temporarily in force, but the responsible military authorities expressed the hope that the population would approve of the action taken to maintain order.

The Canton Authorities, resolute to prevent disorderly demonstrations and to protect foreign life and property according to previous notifications, have taken the necessary steps. No anxiety is now existing. The circulation of traffic was interrupted in the morning in certain quarters, but was re-established in the afternoon. All classes of merchants and workers have expressed sympathy with the measures taken. Canton Information Bureau.

FROM SHAMEEN.

SURVEY OF THE DAY'S EVENTS.

SOLDIERS WITH WHITE BADGES.

THE KILLED AND WOUNDED.

(FROM OUR SHAMEEN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, April 16th.

Early on Friday morning residents on Shameen heard the distant report of fire-arms and wondered what it all meant. The noise came from the Wongsha side. Later it was found that the creek had been practically cleared of boats, only a few stragglers remaining, and that the Hong Kong steamers had cleared from the wharves and left half an hour before their usual time. Chinese passengers were not allowed to go on the Bund and several Europeans who had intended travelling by these steamers were left behind.

On making enquiries I found that the Government Authorities were busy disarming the Red element in the Workers' Guilds all over the City. First, they put out a strong cordon of armed police and soldiers with white badges on their arms. The by-lanes approaching Shameen were all heavily guarded and there was a strong force near the Customs which refused to allow a single person to go towards the foreign Concession.

THE FIGHTING.

At Fongchuen on the Fatui side, where the strikers' marshes are situated, it was very early obvious that some movement was afoot. The strikers began to parade. Some shots were fired from the Wongsha side. This fire was returned by the strikers. Then before 8 o'clock soldiers with white armlets rushed the place and began disarming all the strikers. Some resisted but were quickly overpowered, some fled and many were taken prisoners.

On the Wongsha side there was a strong element of Red workers. They also showed fight and did not give in until there had been a number of casualties. Twelve men were found lying dead in the railway station. A number were wounded and taken away on stretchers while groups of twenties and thirties, some in picket uniform and others in ordinary attire, were marched along Shaki under guard. Over 200 prisoners were counted by people on Shameen.

I went on to the Bund shortly after the Fatui had arrived. The soldiers and armed police looked at me but nothing was said. I heard then that the Ka-nam building, where strikers were quartered, had been surrounded. The strikers submitted quietly and put down their weapons. Baskets full of paper and great deal of ammunition were taken away. From Wongsha also a great many papers were taken to Headquarters.

There were similar occurrences on the Honam side and I heard that here also many prisoners were taken and several men killed or wounded.

SHAMEEN EMPLOYEES.

At Sai Kwa Yuen, the headquarters of the mischief makers, there was a stiff fight, with shots flying all around. It is reported that 15 were killed there and over 500 rifles were seized. It is said that among the prisoners were about a dozen cooks, boys and coolies from Shameen. As some servants were missing on Shameen that morning there may be truth in the report and it is hoped, therefore, that a little more care will be exercised in employing assistants in the future.

It is difficult at this stage to estimate the total number of killed, wounded and prisoners, but the whole day stretchers with Red Cross flags were busy picking up the wounded from all directions. Except for the prisoners being marched along all was quiet on Shaki. Some stray bullets came on to Shameen from the Wongsha side.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon everything was over. The military cordon was removed and traffic started again. Rickshaws were soon plying for hire and no one would have imagined that anything untoward had happened.

It must be said that the precautions taken to protect Shameen and the foreigners generally were very creditable to the officials. When the French gate was opened at 6 a.m. a petty officer assured the police that the foreigners would be guarded. A foreign resident on the Fongchuen side also informed me that a policeman came to the servants quarters and told him that he had nothing to fear. Presumably visits were paid to all foreigners' houses in the same way. Shortly after 2 p.m. motor cars went round the streets distributing circulars, which asked the people to remain calm and to resume their work.

ON SHAMEEN.

On Shameen everything was in readiness for an emergency which never materialised. All was quiet. To-day (Saturday) a number of merchants have come in and all seem very pleased with what has happened. They estimate that over 80 people were killed and 400 wounded and they reckon that more than 2,000 prisoners have been taken. Even to-day I have seen some dead being carried along the streets. The worst fighting took place at Wongsha, and for a time it is said the strikers were too many for the military some of whom were killed or wounded.

The long promised procession will not take place to-day therefore. Among the Chinese it is a fixed belief that the organisers of a rush for Shameen. Some think that there will be further trouble yet. But on our little island we have no dread or fear. Thanks to the presence of the British and French forces we sleep easily in our beds and move around freely on our ordinary avocations during the day.

BRITISH NAVAL MESSAGE.

The following British Naval Wireless Message was received from Canton on Saturday morning:—

CANTON, April 15th. By the orders of the Canton Government, Communists and armed labour pickets were rounded up in Canton city and district to-day.

In the course of the carrying out of arrests there were considerable fighting and shooting throughout the City.

It is reported that as the result of trouble encountered in making the arrests, about a hundred "Reds" were killed.

The Headquarters responsible for the direction of affairs of the Chinese who went on strike in Hong Kong and have since been housed and found employment in Canton were raided and the officials and others placed under arrest.

A number of rifles was captured. The utmost precautions have been taken at Shameen to prevent the disturbance resulting from the raids from spreading to the bridges. The vicinity is heavily guarded with troops and the situation is well in hand there.

PRECAUTIONS IN HONG KONG.

SEARCHING HOTELS.

A search of the Great Eastern Hotel (Canton Road Central) and of a Japanese Hotel on the Praya was carried out on Saturday morning by a strong posse of Police as a precautionary measure against the arrival of agitators here. Mr. L. H. Booth, Assistant Superintendent of Police, was in charge. Chief Detective Inspector T. Murphy was with the detectives from the Criminal Investigation Department and Det. Sub-Inspector W. Shafrin directed the plain-clothes party of district watchmen attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

CHIANG KAI SHEK AND HANKOW.

VIRULENT PROPAGANDA.

BOLSHEVIKS' ACTIVE AT CHANGSHA.

HANKOW, April 16th. The reported split between the Southern forces at Wuhan and Chiang Kai Shek's party is confirmed.

Virulent propaganda is being directed against Chiang. The local situation is uncertain, owing to rumours of Chiang's intention to clear out the Communists from Hankow. The situation at Changsha is reported to be very Bolshevik, and attacks on house boys and comrades are frequent. Naval Wireless.

GOOD MORAL EFFECT IN CANTON.

BUT TROUBLE NOT ENTIRELY ENDED.

A PESSIMISTIC VIEW.

A number of students were included among the "Reds" taken into custody in Canton last Friday, and not a few of them were girls. The Women's Suffrage Association being branded a "Red" organisation.

The first benefit derived from the ousting of the "Reds" in Canton was the issue by the Canton Police of an effective order forbidding strikers to blockade premises of their employers. The Police have issued scores of such orders before, but the "Red" influence was too powerful for them to be carried out.

It is reported that nearly all important leaders in Canton succeeded in making their way to Hong Kong and Macao. Most of the thousands of "Reds" now being detained are said not to be "inside" men of the Bolshevik circle.

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REDS SURPRISED IN SWATOW.

MILITARY CORDON ROUND THE CITY.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED.

NEARLY HUNDRED UNION OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SWATOW, April 16th.

It was scarcely to be expected that the Red element in the Labour Unions would lie down to the firm attitude adopted by the military authorities last week-end. They were out for somebody's blood and if they were not allowed to shed the foreigners' then the letting of the local moderates would do just as well. So plots were hatched during the week and a *revanche* was being planned. The military had one or more local spies in the enemy's camp who informed them of what was afoot. No time was wasted and last night at eleven o'clock the military fortified it is said by explicit instructions from Chiang Kai Shek, swooped down on all the Labour Unions in the City and arrested nearly 100 Union officials.

There was a pretty little fight for a few minutes but the Reds being inadequately armed and taken by surprise were soon overpowered. This morning everybody wanted to go on strike as a protest and the sampans and lighters refused to go out to ships in the harbour. As there was a Butterfield & Swire Bangkok steamer just in with hundreds of returning emigrants who could not get ashore quite a small clamour was raised. But the military promptly followed up last night's skirmish with a further display of the heavy hand. They came down to the waterfront, rattled the bolts of their rifles and said to the boatmen "go!" The boatmen demurred. The troops or rather the right hand men of No. 1 Platoon fired a single shot, into the water. The boatmen went.

A very good show on the whole though I should have given the military full marks if they had not allowed that arch-Bolshevik in Chieh Hui and his henchman to slip through their fingers. We now wait to hear whether any of our particular friends—e.g., the Swatow Club No. 1 boy and the two A.P.C. agitators—are safely under lock and key. If so, we shall be able to engage some servants for the Club and the Manager of the A.P.C. will be relieved of having to write out his own Delivery Orders.

Later. If now appears that the military have drawn a cordon round the City and have declared martial law. They are still engaged in rounding up the Labour Unions and to this end they have posted pickets along the waterfront. No sampan or boat of any description is allowed to leave the Swatow side. In an excess of zeal the troops tried to apply this order to foreign launches with the result that one or two people nearly lost their lives. A little explanation, however, by their officers, and the troops were shown how to distinguish an ordinary foreigner going to his tiffin from a Red Labour leader fleeing for his life.

We are all very pleased, of course, about this downing of the Reds but we suggest for the consideration of the military that if they do not further the good cause if their detachments on the Bund take pot shots at Jardine's gig and the Taikee launch.

Curiously enough they left Bradley's little *Tek Kee Maru* strictly unmolested, probably because there were two rather superior looking gentlemen sitting inside.

The regular prisons in Canton being too few to hold all the "Reds," the Military and Police had to commandeer theatres to provide extra accommodation. All railways in Canton were suspended for a day.

The open attack on the "Reds" may have some moral effect, in the opinion of the Chinese, but it is not believed that the Bolshevik influence can be ended this way. The "Reds" have become too numerous and too powerful in certain districts in Kwangtung.

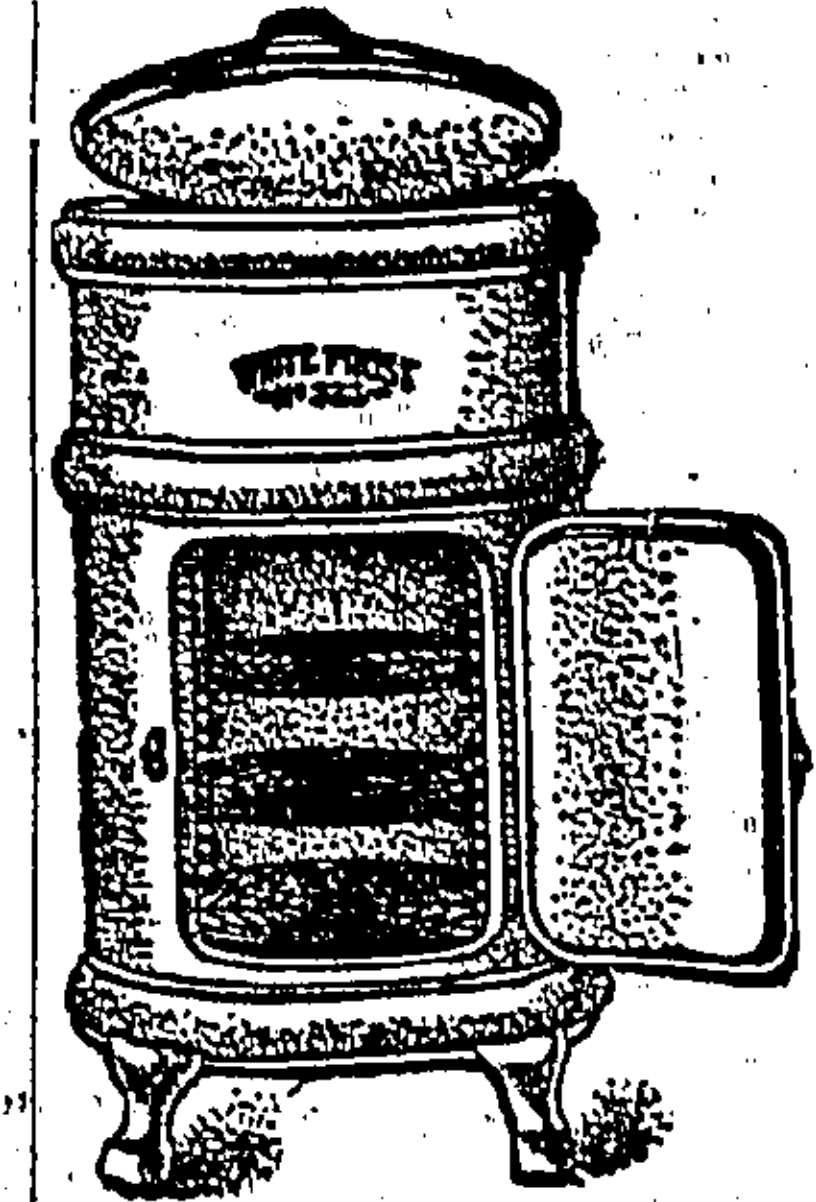
HIDING COMMUNISTS.

At a special meeting of the Kuomintang Executive Committee in Canton held on Saturday the Police were instructed to inform the public that anyone found hiding a Communist would be regarded as guilty of a crime and be subject to arrest. All Communists are to be handed over to the Police. Those Communists who surrender themselves voluntarily will be forgiven.

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purpose of receiving a Statement of
Accounts and the Report of the Board
of Directors for the Financial Year
ended 31st DECEMBER, 1926, confirm-
ing the appointment of Two Directors
and re-electing Two Directors and the
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
16th APRIL to the 23rd APRIL, 1927,
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By Order of the Board,
R. GUY WILKERSON,
Secretary.
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CHASES.

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DEATHS.

DEWE.—On March 9th, MARIAN
SUNAN, widow of the late
WALTER MURDOCH DEWE,
C.M.G., late of Hong Kong.
FINLAY SMITH.—On March 8th,
at Madeira, VIVIAN FINLAY
SMITH, aged 38.
McGREGOR.—On March 8th, at
Hamstead, STUART WILLIAM
BUCHANAN McGREGOR, late of
Peking, aged 62.

Hong Kong Office: 14, Chater Rd.
London Office: 81, Bride Lane,
Fleet Street, E.C. 4.

The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, April 18th, 1927.

MR. EUGENE CHEN'S REPLY
TO THE POWERS.

MR. EUGENE CHEN'S reply to the
Notes of the Powers regarding the
Nanking outrages is profoundly un-
satisfactory. It is nothing short of
a calculated insult to say that such
"incidents" are likely to occur as
long as the so-called "unequal
treaties" remain. Obviously it is
the primary duty of the Nationalists
to prevent these occurrences and
calmly to accept them as inevitable
until such time as the foreigners
care to hand over all their material
possessions to the self-appointed
Nationalist leaders—for this, as far
as we can see, is what treaty re-
vision means—represents an outrage-
ous defiance of the Powers concern-
ing and deliberate support for the
policy of disorder and lawlessness.
The committee functioning at Han-
kow in the name of a Government
have climbed to power on the backs
of the mob, but although there is
indisputable evidence that they have
stirred up the dregs of the populace
and have used all the unruly
elements for their own purpose, they
have, in diplomatic dealings with

the foreigners, always been careful
hitherto to gloss over their associa-
tion with those directly responsible
for criminal acts of violence. Now
the pretence has been dropped, and
immediately after the Nanking hor-
rors, and in reply to a united pro-
test, we are informed in a matter
of fact, almost casual, way that
such things may be expected until
foreigners come to heel and strip
themselves of the substantial posses-
sions gained as the result of a cen-
tury's legitimate commercial enter-
prise. There is no suggestion of
regret; not even a paper promise
to guard against repetition. It is
merely a case of "stand and de-
liver" or take the consequences, a
foretaste of which has already been
vouchsafed. No wonder some stud-
ents of the political situation have
described Nanking as merely a re-
hearsal in the far reaching plan of
anarchy drawn up by the Com-
munist who are endeavouring to
usurp control in this unfortunate
country.

Some commentators suggest that
Mr. CHEN'S insolent reply in mark-
ed contrast to the humble apology
to the Soviet for the raid on the
Soviet Embassy in Peking with
which he had nothing to do and
could not possibly prevent—was
dictated in the belief that the
Powers were divided in their coun-
sels. It is suggested that he was
misled by the studied moderation
of the protest and by the absence
of any reference to penalties which
would be exacted if the demands
were not complied with. Possibly
this moderation was regarded
by the diplomats as another
step to the policy of peace
and conciliation which has been
steadfastly pursued for so long. If
that is so we would suggest, on be-
half of the great body of foreign
residents in China, that it may be
the last. While there seemed to be
a chance of coming to a reasonable
agreement with the moderate
elements in China on the basis of
fair play all round we were anxious
that all suggestion of force should
be avoided. We have never had
any sympathy with those "die
hards" who scout the idea of any
reform and hold blindly to the belief
that treaties drawn up in the time
of the Manchus must be rigidly
maintained to-day. But Hankow,
through its chosen spokesman, Mr.
EUGENE CHEN, has now demon-
strated, beyond all cavil or doubt,
that it does not want reform. It is
looking forward to chaos and in so
doing has alienated the sympathy
of a great body of its own support-
ers. We trust, therefore, that when
the Powers reply to Mr. EUGENE
CHEN'S message, which presumably
they will do in the course of a few
days, they will make their inten-
tions clear. It is time that the
mystery of diplomatic negotiations
decided by such a body should be
dropped. It must not be forgotten
that the situation has changed in a
remarkable manner over the Easter
holidays. A month ago Hankow
had some right presumably to re-
gard itself as the representative of
the Nationalist cause. It purported
"to govern" practically the whole
of China south of the Yangtze.
Now by another of those dramatic
coups to which we are accustomed
in China it has been shorn of nearly
all its power. The politicians en-
deavored to undermine CHIANG KAI
SHUK'S influence, but CHIANG KAI
SHUK has been less humble and less
long suffering than the Imperialists.
He has turned upon the plotters.
The extremist organizations through
which the Hankow Committee made
their influence felt have been scatered
and some thousands of the ring-
leaders are under arrest. The
vaunted Hankow committee, there-
fore, has no influence to-day in
Kwangtung or Fukien or anywhere
as far as can be gathered except in
the two provinces of Hunan and
Hupoh. There will have to be some
quick re-shuffling or it is on the
cards that when the Powers have
prepared their second Note there
will be no one in authority to re-
ceive it. In this connection, how-
ever, it should be remembered that
the protest was lodged both with
Mr. EUGENE CHEN and General
CHIANG KAI SHUK. The Hankow
Government, including Mr. CHEN,
may be entirely eliminated or the
prominent communists alone may
seek safety in flight and a
rapprochement effected between the
old "members of the Cabinet"
and CHIANG with the seat of Govern-
ment at Nanking. Whatever the
result the Powers' policy is clear.
Whoever for the time being repre-
sents the Nationalist cause must
accept responsibility for the unpar-
donable offences at Nanking. The
reshuffling of political groups must
not be accepted as an excuse for
evading reparation.

A list of public vaccinators is
published in the Government
Gazette.
The total rainfall since January
1st is 13.93 inches, against an
average of 8.80 inches.

The Criminal Sessions will open
at the Supreme Court to-morrow.
Only two cases are down for hear-
ing.
The s.s. *Hai Ning*, arriving from
Swatow brought 14 Chinese second
class passengers and 90 Chinese
deck passengers.

H.E. the Governor has appointed
Mr. Francis Menda, A.R.S.L., to be
an inspector of factories in addi-
tion to his other duties.
The certificate of proficiency as
Wireless Telegraph Operator on
board British ships, certificate No.
4 of 1926, issued to Nazir Ali, has
been cancelled.
There will be a fancy dress
carnival dance at the Royal En-
gineers' Theatre, Wellington Bar-
racks, to-night. It begins at 8.30
p.m. and fancy dress is optional.

There has been opened in Queen's
Road Central, just west of the
Queen's Theatre, the La Mode
Beauty Parlour. Both ladies and
gentlemen are catered for in this
attractive establishment.
Passengers arriving by the s.s.
Hai Ning (Douglas steamer) from
Swatow on Saturday included Mr.
Northey, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Wal-
lace, Mrs. Hubbard, Mr. D. Dakis,
Mr. de Comor and Mr. Lam.
A public motor car knocked down
a Chinese coolie in Praya East on
Thursday. The coolie was admit-
ted to the Government Civil Hos-
pital in a very serious condition
and has since succumbed to his
injuries.
The Central Brigade was called
out on Saturday morning to a fire
in a Chinese house at Wing Wo
Street. On arrival it was found
that only a chimney had caught
fire, and this was promptly put
out by the Brigade.

The late Sir Hiram Wilkinson,
Moneyshane, Tobermore, Co. Lon-
donderry, and Queen's Elm, Bel-
fast, for some years Crown
Advocate in China, afterwards
Judge of the British Court in
Japan and Chief Justice of the
British Court in China and Korea
left personal estate valued at
£21,751.
Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson,
First and Principal Naval Aide de
Camp, was among those in attend-
ance upon His Majesty at the
Levee held at St. James's Palace on
March 15th. Among those present
were Lieut.-Col. Denzil Clarke,
D.S.O., M.C., and Mr. John T.
Pratt, C.M.G., on appointment as
his Majesty's Vice-Consuls in China.

In our report of the annual
meeting of the Kowloon Bowling
Green Club on Friday, it was stated
that Mr. Lapsley was elected
Hon. Treasurer. Mr. W. P. Hed-
ley was appointed to this office on
the proposition of Mr. Lapsley.
Also at the same meeting the follow-
ing were elected to serve as the
Ballooning Committee: Messrs. S.
Gray, Adkins, W. Eastman,
C. Hatt, T. Ferguson, D. Harvey
and A. M. Holland.

The case in which a Chinese clerk
in the employ of Messrs. David
Saxson & Co. was sued for main-
tenance by his wife has been con-
cluded at the Central Magistracy.
Mr. R. E. Lindsley ruled against
Mr. Saxson, M.C., on an application
for a writ of Habeas Corpus in his
Majesty's Vice-Consuls in China.

Among the passengers arriving in
Hong Kong on Friday by the P. &
O. s.s. *Deewah* from Shanghai
were Mr. H. G. Swinburn, Lieut.
Col. Smith, R.A.M.C., Major F. C.
Roberts, V.C., D.S.O., O.B.E., and
Mr. and Mrs. B. Rowe.

Among the passengers arriving in
Hong Kong on Saturday by the
R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* from
Manila were Dr. and Mrs. H.
Britner, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Dif-
fenderfer, Dr. D. O. Santos and
(for Yokohama) Capt. and Mrs.
P. R. Bartlett, Capt. and Mrs.
Waldron.

The annual dinner of the Hong
Kong Football Club is to be held
at the Hotel Savoy on Saturday,
May 7th, at 8 p.m. Members wishing
to attend should notify the Hon.
Secretary, Mr. M. McTavish, c/o
China Sugar Refining Co., and
also inform him as to the number
of guests they intend bringing.

The rainfall for the month of
March at the Botanical Gardens
was 5ins. 90 on 29 days, at the
Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett,
it was 5ins. 95 on 15 days and at
the Police Station, Taiipo, it was
6ins. 48 on 12 days. The lowest
reading of the barometer (M.S.L.)
was 29ins. 765 at 10h. on the 12th.
The maximum squall velocity, as
recorded by the Dines-Baxendale
anemograph, was at the rate of 33
miles per hour at 9h. 30m. on the
21st.

Owners of the property known as
Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot
No. 894, are notified that, under
section 4 of the Crown Lands Re-
sumption Ordinance, 1900 (Ordin-
ance No. 10 of 1900), His Excel-
lency the Governor has nominated
Mr. Henry Edward Goldsmith,
Assistant Director of Public Works,
to be a member of the Board of
Arbitrators to determine the
amount of compensation to be paid
in respect of the resumption of the
property.

Among passengers arriving in
Hong Kong by the P. & O. s.s.
Atira on Saturday were:—Mr. J.
Allan, Mr. L. J. Backhouse, En-
gineer-Commander R. J. Brown,
D.S.O., Mr. G. W. Britten, Mr. E.
W. Brambley, Mr. G. Easton, En-
gineer-Commander F. G. Bevis,
Commander P. Butler, Mr. W.
Dunbar, Capt. H. G. G. Franklin,
Mr. D. S. M. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs.
R. Hughes, Mr. G. C. Ineson, Mr.
J. Robson, Mr. J. Macdonald, Capt.
R. B. Ramsay, Lieut.-Col. T. A. F.
and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. F. H. F.
Swayne, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Scott,
and Mrs. P. P. J. Woodhouse.

Among the passengers leaving
Hong Kong on the P. & O. s.s.
Deewah, which sailed for Europe
on Saturday, were:—Mr. F. Baker,
Lieut.-Comdr. and Mrs. Carson,
Mr. N. Churcher, Mr. and Mrs. R.
J. Everest (Mr. Everest has been
Company-Sergeant Major of the
Engine Company of the Hong
Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, and
is employed at the China Light &
Power Co. (1918) Ltd.), Capt. and
Mrs. W. F. Farnsett, Lieut. N. G.
Garmonsway, Lieut. G. Hill,
Mr. J. MacCormack, Lieut.-Comdr.
R. L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. F.
Stone and Engineer-Commander G.
Villars.

In the current issue of the *Hon.*
College Chronicle it is pointed out
that of the twenty-seven officers of
the 2nd Battalion Coldstream
Guards, who are with the Shang-
hai Defence Force, twenty are
Etonians. They are: Lieut.-Col.
R. B. Lawrence, M.C. Major L.
M. Gibbs, D.S.O., M.C., Major J.
C. Wynne-Finch, M.C., Major Sir
D. M. B. Hall, D.S.O., Major
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Whitaker, Lieut. R. Myddelton,
Lieut. Sir W. de S. Barttelot, Sec.
Lieut. J. R. Campbell, Sec. Lieut.
R. R. Norman, Sec. Lieut. W. J.
St. C. Anstruther-Guthrie-Telfer,
A. W. A. Smith, Sec. Lieut. E. L.
Gibbs, Sec. Lieut. E. V. Somerset.

The attendance at the devotional
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which made it a pleasure to follow
the theme of the piece through to
the end. Mr. Mason excelled him-
self in the "Marche Solennelle,"
by "Tchaikowsky." This composi-
tion is one of solemn grandeur, and
well suited to the occasion. The
grand finale was extremely well
done.
Mrs. R. Sanger's voice was heard
with good effect in "Ave Maria"
(Cesar Frank), "On my Shepherd
I rely" (Bach) and "Come unto
Him" (Handel) while the "Prayer"
(Hugo Wolf) was very beautiful
and clear, the words being com-
mendably distinct.

Mr. G. E. Aubrey (Viola) gave
of her best in the rendering of the
solo in "Largo in G." Handel, the
expression and tone being well sus-
tained.

Mr. A. P. Glenville (Bass), in
giving "Lord God of Abraham"
(Mendelssohn) used his voice with
good effect; some of the sterner pas-
sages of this most difficult piece
were admirably rendered. The Bass
solo and Quartet, "Behold, I
create new heavens and a new
earth" (Gaul) blended very well
together. This musical service was
a very fitting ending to a day of
solemn remembrance.

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MILITARY UNITS PARADE.

Churches of all denominations,
Anglican, Non-Conformist and
Roman Catholic, were well filled on
Good Friday and yesterday for the
Easter-tide services.

Military and Naval units attend-
ed some of the services, and at
the Wanchai Wesleyan Methodist
Church there was a specially big
parade of members of both Services.
The Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey (the
Pastor) preached on the "Message
of the Cross."

At St. John's Cathedral, the Rev.
W. R. Cannell preached in the
morning on "The Loneliness of
Christ," following matins and the
earlier Litany and ante-Communion
service. At the three hour service,
the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, con-
ducted the Meditation on the Passion.
Easter-song with preparation for
Easter Communion was observed at
the evening service.

The "Story of the Cross" was
sung at St. Andrew's Church (Kow-
loon) services, the Rev. G. E. S.
Upsdell being the preacher at 11
a.m. and evening prayer being con-
ducted by Mr. W. W. Rogers, the
assistant vicar. On Saturday there
was a short preparation service for
Easter Communion.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald
preached at a special Good Friday
service at Union Church, Kennedy
Road, taking as his text: "It is
better to be of a lowly spirit with
the poor than to divide the spoil
with the strong," and "Therefore
will I divide him a portion with the
great and he shall divide the spoil
with the strong because he poured
out his soul unto death and was
punished with the transgressors."

Special morning services were
held at the Catholic Cathedral.
After the "Tenebrae" (in the
afternoon), the "Stations of the
Cross" were observed, a short
sermon being given at each Station,
by the Rev. Father G. Byrne, S.J.

EASTER DAY.

Holy Communion was celebrated
at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. at St. John's
Cathedral, the latter service, which
was choral, being particularly well
attended. The 11 a.m. service, at
which the Rev. H. Copley Moyle
preached, was also followed by the
Communion. The Rev. N. V. Hal-
ward took the 3 p.m. flowers service
for children, all the flowers brought
being subsequently sent to the hos-
pitals. At evening the Rev. W. R.
Cannell preached.

Holy Communion at St. Andrew's,
Kowloon, was celebrated at 7.15
a.m. and 8.15 a.m., morning pray-
ers and Holy Communion being con-
ducted by the Vicar the Rev. G. R.
Lindsay. The anthem was "They
have taken away my Lord"
(Stainer). There was a young peo-
ple's service in the afternoon at
which the Vicar also preached and
at the evening service at which
there was another celebration of
Holy Communion, the Rev. W. W.
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the theme of the piece through to
the end. Mr. Mason excelled him-
self in the "Marche Solennelle,"
by "Tchaikowsky." This composi-
tion is one of solemn grandeur, and
well suited to the occasion. The
grand finale was extremely well
done.

Mrs. R. Sanger's voice was heard
with good effect in "Ave Maria"
(Cesar Frank), "On my Shepherd
I rely" (Bach) and "Come unto
Him" (Handel) while the "Prayer"
(Hugo Wolf) was very beautiful
and clear, the words being com-
mendably distinct.

FIRING ON FOREIGN VESSELS ON BOTH BANKS OF THE YANGTZE.

FOREIGN WARSHIPS RETALIATING.

CONDITIONS NORMAL AT SHANGHAI AND HANKOW.

SHANGHAI GENERAL STRIKE COLLAPSING.

FORTS SHELLLED NEAR NINGPO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 17th.

A wireless message from Ningpo states that a Chinese cruiser shelled two forts at Chinghai early yesterday morning. Possibly this is the Northern cruiser *Daichi* from Tsing-mao, which was believed to be at Chusan Islands yesterday with two other war vessels.

JAPAN'S MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 16th.

In view of the present situation it has been decided to retain the headquarters and infantry of the Twentieth Division in Manchuria even after the arrival of the troops on the 25th inst. Similarly, the present three companies at Tientsin will be retained as well as the relief plus an additional two sanctioned at the last session of the Diet.

New Japanese Cruisers.

The Emperor is proceeding to Yokosuka this afternoon to attend the launching ceremony of the *Myoko*, Japan's first 10,000-ton cruiser. A second cruiser of the same class will be launched next month. Both are of 33 knots.

SITUATION NORMAL AT SHANGHAI.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SHANGHAI, April 16th.

Conditions in the city are at present normal, as also on the Yangtze between Hankow and Shanghai. Definite action is being taken at Canton by the local Government to round up Communists. It is reported that 100 Communists were killed there on the 15th inst.

All the British have been evacuated from Hoihow.

Shipping at foreign ships in the Yangtze between Kiangyin and Nanking is increasing, despite retaliation by the warships.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Four More U.S. Destroyers For Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, April 15th.

The United States destroyers *Simpson* and *McCormack* have been ordered to Shanghai.

The *Black Hawk* and *Macleish* are leaving as soon as necessary repairs have been completed, and will probably leave for Shanghai within two days.

SHANGHAI'S GENERAL STRIKE "PETERING OUT."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 17th.

The general strike is petering out, 35,000 having returned to work today.

There is no development of the military situation on the Lower Yangtze, both sides digging-in on their respective banks between Nanking and Chinkiang.

There was continuous desultory firing between Nanking and Pukow yesterday. Passing ships were being constantly fired on from both banks in the Nanking area yesterday.

The British steamer *Kingdon* and the U.S. steamer *Meian* were subjected to heavy rifle fire. The U.S. destroyer *Ford* and H.M.S. *Emerald* replied.

THE NANKING NOTES.

HOW "LIGHTEARTED" MR. CHEN WENT ASTRAY.

PROBABLE SHARP AWAKENING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 17th.

According to views gathered in "quarters" representative of the five Powers by an Observer, the procedure of presenting the separate Notes has misled Mr. Eugene Chen into thinking that the "bank" is worse than the bite. Therefore, the immediate concern of the Powers is expected to be preparation for joint action to show the Cantonese that no situation could be more grotesque or misread.

It is not expected, for example, that Mr. Chen's lighthearted suggestions for an international inquiry and other such features of his Note will even be answered but that other methods will be adopted quickly to disillusion him.

[Earlier telegrams on this subject will be found on page 2.]

GENERAL CHIANG AND SHANGHAI GUERRILLAS.

COMMUNISTS ACTIVE AND WELL ARMED.

THE "SUPERVISION FORCE."

General Chiang Kai Shek is reported to have ordered leaflets and pamphlets to be printed announcing that it is his intention to fight the Communists and to suppress the agitators, guerrillas and other subversive movements. He is being opposed, however, by a strong combined force of Communists, agitators and guerrillas, the latter being paid 40 cents a day by the Communist Party and the General Labour Union. Their sole duty is to create trouble and to keep Chinese territory in a continual state of disorder, unrest and insubordination.

RIT-RAH.

These guerrillas, who are known as the Supervision Force, comprise employed labourers, seamen, disarmed workers and loafers and their headquarters are in the Commercial Press in Paoshan Road, Shanghai, with branches in the General Labour Union in the Hu-chow Guild and the Russian Orthodox Church. They are known to be very heavily armed and to have in their possession many bombs, machine guns, rifles, swords, axes and other weapons, in addition to which they have several hundred chests of ammunition which they took from the Shanghai forces when the latter surrendered three weeks ago.

Li Pao Chang's Command.

General Chiang is being subjected to considerable criticism for appointing "the people's enemy," General Li Pao Chang, former Commissioner of Defence and commander of the 9th Allied Division, to the command of the 8th Nationalist Army, his critics demanding to know the reason for this appointment. Though General Li's certificate has been sent to him at Nantong, he has made no sign of his decision to accept the position.

Meanwhile, General Chiang has appointed General Niu Yung Chien, commander of the local militia forces, to the command of the 17th Nationalist Army.

General Chow Feng Chi, former commander of the 3rd Allied Division under Marshal Sun Chuan Fang, who is now commander of the 26th Nationalist Army, has come to Shanghai and is now acting with Gen. Pei Chung Hsi, the Commissioner of Defence, in directing local Nationalist military matters.

General Chow has established his headquarters in the Institution of the Holy Family in Paoshan Road, Chapei, and his political bureau in the Shih Chou Girls' School, Ying Chai Road. North China Daily News.

DOG OVERTURNS CAR.

ACCIDENT NEAR FANLING.

MRS. A. T. BATES SERIOUSLY INJURED.

A remarkable motor accident occurred on Friday afternoon in the New Territories about one and a half miles beyond Fanling Golf Club. Captain R. D. Thomas was driving a party consisting of Mr. A. T. Bates, of the Naval Yard, his wife and three children to Castle Peak in a large Studebaker car. They had passed the Golf Club and were travelling at a moderate speed along a narrow road about two feet above the level of the paddy fields on the right-hand side when they saw a large chow dog in front. The animal refused to move, so the driver swerved slightly to avoid it. The right-hand wheel of the car struck the dog, causing Captain Thomas to lose control of the steering.

The result was that the car ran over the edge and capsized in the field. All the occupants were thrown out but no one was seriously injured except Mrs. Bates, who was pinned underneath the car.

"It is a wonder that we were not all killed," said Mr. Bates to a *Daily Press* reporter. "When I got up from the ground I saw Capt. Thomas on his feet several yards away, just as he had been thrown from the car. He landed on his feet."

"My wife was pinned underneath," he added. "She was not unconscious, and was able to help to extricate herself, although seriously injured. The driver of a car that was following took us back to the Golf Club, where we telephoned for the ambulance. Later he took the children home."

A surgeon from the Naval Yard gave first aid to Mrs. Bates before the ambulance arrived, which was about 10 hours after the accident. She was taken immediately to Kowloon Hospital.

Captain Thomas, Mr. Bates and the three children escaped almost without a scratch.

"Captain Thomas is one of the most careful drivers in the Colony," continued Mr. Bates, "and his only explanation of the accident is that the wheel was knocked out of his grip by the force of the impact."

"The dog stood in the middle of the road with its legs apart. I saw it going west, but I did not think it would overturn the car. We could not find it afterwards."

Mrs. Bates' injuries are a broken shoulder, four broken ribs, and severe cuts. Her condition yesterday was said to be unchanged.

Captain Thomas was finally able to get the damaged car back on to the road. He returned to Kowloon by train.

VICTORIOUS NORTHERN ADVANCE?

CANTONESE ARMY MAY CRUMPLE.

NORTHERNERS "PULLING TOGETHER" AT LAST.

MR. RODNEY GILBERT'S OPTIMISTIC ANALYSIS.

Northern military movements continue to be much obscured by rumour, writes Mr. Rodney Gilbert in the *North China Daily News* of April 15th, but there seems to be no doubt now that Sun Chuan Fang, Chang Tsung Chang and Wu Pei Fu are at last moving in unison and are making a determined drive southward on three main routes, with flanking columns, to retrieve their losses, not to mention their reputations.

Sun Chuan Fang, moving with his usual rapidity down the Grand Canal, has given the Southerners no opportunity to recover from their panic and has not only reached the Yangtze but, according to the latest reasonably reliable advices, has crossed the river below Chinkiang, seized the railway and advanced as far towards Shanghai as Penniu station.

Shanghai yesterday (April 15th) was full of gossip about a Southern retreat towards Chekiang from both Changchow and Soochow, bodies from the former city moving west of Taihu via Hsing, and those from Soochow taking a course east of the lake via Wukiang. If there is foundation for these current reports, there is no reason why large bodies of Northerners should not be within striking distance of Shanghai at almost any time.

A Contemptible Defence.

In this community even a small body of troops would certainly meet with no serious resistance. When Chiang Kai Shek made up his mind to move his forces out of Shanghai to meet everything he could rely upon and left here nothing but a division of 7,000 Chekiang troops, who have a record for never letting the enemy come within striking distance of them. These worthies are commanded by General Chow Feng Chi, the first man to betray Sun Chuan Fang in the Kiang area, and turn over to the South, so it is unlikely that either commander or men will await the arrival of a large force, but almost certain that they will bolt for Chekiang if the return of Northerners to Shanghai is General Chow, a native of Huchow, and a Japanese returned student, may not decide to take the field since his headquarters are safely established in the French Concession.

Stuans Show The Wind.

One indication of the way the wind is blowing is the very strong disposition of all the striking mill workers to return to work on any terms the employers care to offer them. A number of mills reopened to-day (April 15th) and received back hosts of mock and pennant labourers and the Mill Owners' Association, since the burden of responsibility for fixing terms was upon them, decided to be generous and grant a ten per cent. increase in wages all around.

To revert to the military situation, it is reported through indirect foreign advices that, in anticipation of a retreat, the "nationalist" forces in Soochow were doing no little looting in that city to-day and either looted or attempted to loot the Japanese Consulate.

The report that Pukow had been taken by Chang Tsung Chang's advance column on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, seemed a little premature this evening. Latest reports indicated that while large bodies of "nationalists" had recrossed the Yangtze in full flight to Nanking, the rout was checked before the main body had crossed and preparations were being made for a stand against the North on the Pukow side.

Wu Pei Fu On the Offensive.

Still further west, on the Kiang-Han railway, the allied forces under the general command of Wu Pei Fu are making a hard drive for Hankow. The Red Spears in Honan have shown no disposition to welcome the Fengtien troops under Chang Hsueh Liang and for a time seemed that Red propaganda was making some headway among them, but the usual compromise was reached when Chang Hsueh Liang decided that Chang Hsueh Liang should return to Peking and that Wu Pei Fu should resume his old rôle of commander-in-chief. On these terms the Red Spears not only put aside their hostility to Fengtien, but joined the expedition against Hankow in large bodies.

The report that Wushengkwang, the pass in the watershed that divides Hupeh from Honan, had been taken by Wu Pei Fu cannot be locally confirmed.

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SHANGHAI COMMUNIST RAIDED.

THE GREAT CHINA UNIVERSITY.

STUDENT PROPAGANDA FOR BRITISH TROOPS.

ADVOCATES OF MUTINY AMONG GUARDS.

During the past week Bolshevik propaganda of the most infamous and scurrilous nature has been circulated in the Western district of Shanghai with the primary object of reaching the British troops billeted in that area. Mutiny has been advocated in pamphlets distributed to members of the Shanghai Defence Forces, says last Tuesday's *North China Daily News*.

Police investigations showed that this literature emanated from the Da-Hsia (Great China) University in Kiaschow Road, Shanghai, and as a result of careful observation on the part of the police in this district, two students were arrested in front of the university and pamphlets containing seditious propaganda were found in their possession.

As a result of the ensuing raid on the university, we have received from the students body a statement which, as the outcome of careful investigation, proves to be an entirely distorted and mischievous account of the raid. They requested publicity of the affair and we therefore give the actual facts of the incident.

Seditious Notices.

Placards of the most seditious nature were pasted on the walls of buildings in Robinson Road and as the result of further enquiries it was found that the source of this propaganda was the Great China University. As stated above, two students were arrested on Friday last and detained.

A small Chinese child was sent by the Communists housed in this so-called seat of learning, and instructed to deliver "to the Coldstream Guardsmen, pamphlets advocating mutiny. Inquiries showed that the child had been given seven coppers for this work. A raid was prepared, and the S.M. police, supported by members of 2nd battalion of the Coldstream Guards, gained entrance to the University at 6 a.m. on Saturday. They secured two large packages containing thousands of anti-British and anti-Japanese pamphlets. These pamphlets, printed in English, were of the most virulent nature and were accordingly confiscated. No arrests were made. This, temporarily, ends the matter, but strict surveillance is being kept on the activities of the inmates of this hot-bed of extreme communism.

The students have, we understand, made representations to the Nationalist Government, protesting against "the illegal search of the University" and requesting the Nationalist Government to lodge a strong protest with the British Authorities.

AN AEROPLANE CRASH.

WELL-KNOWN AIRMEN INJURED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, April 17th.

The famous aeroplane inventor, Mr. Fokker, was involved in a flying accident on the monoplane *America*, the new model piloted by Commander Byrd, which has been undergoing tests preparatory to flying to Paris next month. In a crash Byrd fractured his wrist, while Fokker was slightly injured. Bennett, who accompanied Byrd in last year's flight to the North Pole, sustained a fractured thigh, rib and shoulder.

Northerners Sanguine.

Local Northern sympathizers are naturally extremely sanguine. They say that Chiang Kai Shek has lost most of his 1,800 Whampoa cadets who, serving as non-commissioned officers, were the backbone of his personal following, and that he has no more than 3,000 men upon whom he can rely absolutely in an emergency, that is men who would fight either the North or the Communists if they were told to do so. It is explained, and probably correctly, that all the Northern collapses in the face of the Cantonese advance have been due to disloyalty, to lack of co-operation, or to mutual suspicion among the high commanders. It is claimed that perfect co-operation is now established between the three Northern columns and that, with the disappearance between the various elements in the Southern armies, no serious stand is anticipated anywhere on the Yangtze.

This is undoubtedly propaganda in part, and to some degree the Northern sponsors here may be overconfident, but there is no doubt that the new movements appear to be swift and businesslike.

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Canton Continued.

THE CHINESE VERSION.

A LARGE RISING PREVENTED.

THE PLANS OF THE REDS.

SEAMEN'S UNION SURRENDER AND AVOID TROUBLE.

CANTON, April 16th.

The decision taken by the Kuomintang moderate leaders in a conference at Shanghai, which General Li Tsai Hsin hurriedly left Canton to attend, to round up all Communists and to close Red Headquarters has been effectively carried out in Shanghai, Hangchow, Foochow and in many other cities along the Yangtze River.

It was expected that when General Li Tsai Hsin returned to Canton, the same action would be taken there and these expectations have been realised.

The Red leaders in Canton had planned a big demonstration for Saturday. Secretly they intended to urge the hot-headed masses to rush into Shameen, and to make this a signal for all peasant corps, labour pickets and other professional agitators stationed in or outside of Canton to rally together in a sudden attack on the Provincial Government.

The Workers' Representative Conference, the Red Headquarters in Canton, had informed all labour unions and leaders of peasant corps preparing to participate in the demonstration, that Chiang Kai Shek was a "counter-revolutionist" as was evident from his alliance with Chang Tso Lin and his compromise with the Imperialists, especially the British. They were urged to unite to overthrow Chiang Kai Shek and to take over Shameen during the demonstration.

If the demonstration had been effective the fighting force to match the Government troops would have been:

Peasant Corps stationed in the suburbs of Canton, approximately 20,000 armed, armed labourers and pickets; over 10,000 railwaymen of the three railways—Yu-Han Railway, Canton-Shanghai Railway and Canton-Kowloon Railway—3,000 being well armed and equipped with bombs.

The Canton Government knew of this conspiracy. On the 15th inst. the Authorities began to keep a sharp watch on all Red movements and the police were busily occupied in investigations. Many picket stations belonging to the so-called Hong Kong-Shanghai Strikers Committee were raided and the police were authorised to forbid all propaganda and to arrest stump orators who were aiming at stirring up strife against the Kuomintang.

Prior to the coup on Good Friday the Government laid down its plan as follows:

General Chien Ta Chuan and Police Superintendent Tang Yin Wah were personally to direct affairs in the Public Safety Department. Three cruisers and four torpedo boats were assigned to guard the Whampoa Academy and to keep sharp watch on some Cadets who were possibly on the Red side.

Some troops of the 4th Army Corps and the 20th Division were ordered to raid the headquarters of the Workers' Representative Conference, arrest Red leaders and disarm pickets there; disarm the railwaymen of the three railways, in dealing with whom the mechanics, who were on the anti-Red side, agreed to co-operate. The troops of the 21st Division were to disarm the Peasants' Corps, raid the All-China General Labour Union Headquarters and disarm the pickets therein; raid the Chungshan University. The Public Safety Corps with the aid of Police were assigned to raid all union headquarters under the Workers' Delegate Conference, while armed police were prepared to raid all private residences of Red leaders. In Honan, opposite Canton, General Li Fok Lam's troops were instructed to carry out similar plans.

The results may be summed up as follows:

The most serious fighting was at the Yu-Han Railway Station, at the West Canton Suburb and along the Railway up to Saichuen at North-western Suburb, on the night of the 14th inst. Simultaneously their union headquarters were attacked by Government troops with the aid of mechanics who, it will be remembered, have long been bitter enemies of the railwaymen.

The workers on the Canton-Kowloon Railway offered slight resistance but those belonging to the Canton-Shanghai Railway, several hundreds in number reinforced by men from the Yu-Han Railway Station and peasant corps stationed near, fought until noon the next day. General Chien ordered a regiment of troops and a machine gun company belonging to the 6th

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SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY.

FINE YEAR'S WORKING.

LARGE INCREASES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

MUKDEN, March 28th.

In contradistinction to the unsatisfactory general and financial state of the Chinese railways as a result of the continued internal strife, the South Manchuria Railway continues to show a good turnover, thanks to its freedom from military interference. The net profit for the current fiscal year, ending March 31st, is placed at Yen 34,100,000, being some Yen 7,700,000 in excess of the original estimates sanctioned by the Central Government and Yen 5,600,000 over the revised estimate up to last October. The all-round increase in the demand for Manchurian coal in Japan has been a contributing factor in bringing about these flattering returns. But, generally speaking, increased activities in other commodities have materially stimulated the S.M.R.'s finances.

Good Crop Results.

Against the estimated Traffic Receipts of Yen 99,500,000 for the fiscal year 1926, the railway had to carry about 400,000 tons of goods brought over from the preceding year, and this resulted in an increase of the returns for the first half year by some Yen 5,000,000 over the estimates. Then, too, because of the tolerably fair crop results in North Manchuria with the prospect of a corresponding increase in produce movements, the estimates were revised in October last to Yen 104,000,000.

As the new produce season opened and advanced, the sanguine expectation were more than met. The train operations progressed favourably also, although in the middle of January a terrible blizzard had no parallel in the past both in suddenness and in fury caused several days' interruption of traffic.

Increase Nearly Eight Millions.

The traffic receipt for the current fiscal year, put at Yen 108,500,000 in gross receipts, minus Yen 36,500,000 in expenditures, will leave the balance of Yen 72,000,000 in net profit, giving the daily average of Yen 190,000. Compared with the preceding fiscal year, the receipts increased by Yen 9,130,000 and the expenditures by Yen 1,320,000, the net increment amounting to Yen 7,810,000.

The chief items of the increment include Yen 580,000 in passenger receipts, Yen 1,000,000 in coal freightage and Yen 3,730,000 in coal freightage, bringing about the freight receipts to Yen 5,600,000, not to mention some Yen 800,000 in respect of other receipts.

A Bum For The Spoilers.

These figures, running into millions, are enough to make the mouths of militarists in China to water, and it is computed that should any one of the war lords be permitted to handle the moneys of the S.M.R. for one year, he would be able to wipe out all his enemies, if not in direct warfare, then through the process of buying out enemy subordinates, which is the method popularly availed of.

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Army Corps to reinforce the Government troops. Then the fighting became more serious and the railwaymen and the peasant corps, attacked on two sides, were forced to surrender. The result of the fighting was that on the Government side more than 60 were wounded and 25 killed, while on the opposing side the killed and wounded numbered about 200.

In Chungshan University about 65 students who were proved to be Communists were bound and brought to the Police Headquarters. At the same time the Association of Women's Emancipation, the Kuo Kwang Book Company which sells mostly Red literature, and all labour unions under the Workers' Representative Conference were raided. Literature, pamphlets, posters, union name-boards and other materials were seized. Those labour unions who expressed their willingness to surrender and to accept all the terms set by the Government to regulate their future conduct, included the Richa Cables Union, Wooden-box Makers Union, Restaurant Workers' Union, Tea House Union, Seamen's Union, Foreign Goods Union, Vegetable Workers' Union and some others.

During the raids more than 2,000 men were arrested, some of whom were detained in the Nankwan Cinema Theatre, more than 60 important prisoners are closely guarded in the Headquarters of the Public Safety Department.

According to latest reports, the situation in Canton is restored to normal. All shops have reopened for business. In a word all labour tyranny has ceased. A large number of armed police are still stationed along the Shaohe Road to prevent any possible emergency.

The two Kuomintang organs—*Min Kuo Yi Pao* and *Kuo Min San Wan*, which were raided, have been re-staffed by Kuomintang men and have issued papers openly denouncing the Communists. *Wah Tsai Pao*.

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THE HOLIDAY'S SPORT.

Boxing, Bowls, Cricket, Football, Tennis, Racing, etc., etc.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

MORRIS RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP BELT.

BENNETT AND THE "NAVY DOUBLE PUNCH."

THREE FIGHTS END IN KNOCK OUTS.

(By BANTAM.)

"It is the possibility of seeing someone knocked out that draws the crowds to a boxing tournament not the desire merely to see good boxing," says Westbrook Pegler, well-known sports writer, in an article in *Liberty*. "Prize-fighters who give the greatest promise of giving a knockout are the greatest drawing cards," he explains. This is true. The spectators on Saturday night were not disappointed, no less than three contestants being disposed of by the k.o. route. The main event was between Morris and Bennett. Both lived up to their reputations.

There was a good attendance at the City Hall on Saturday night when the 33rd Boxing Tournament was held under the auspices of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

The main bout between Stoker Norman Morris and A.B. Bennett for the Welterweight Championship of the Colony and for the G. M. Young Belt, was by far the best fight of the evening. Both men were in excellent form, and were there with the one idea of knocking each other out. Although Bennett took the count in the fourteenth round, he showed better science than Morris throughout the fight. It was a ding-dong battle while it lasted—a hard slogging fighter against an experienced boxer, and the slogger won.

With one exception, all the other items were of an unusually high standard.

Finlayson—Watts.

The curtain raisers were L/Cpl. Finlayson, of the K.O.S.B., and Marine Watts, of H.M.S. *Hermes*. They met in a six round middleweight contest. Finlayson weighing in at 150 lbs. and Watts at 154 lbs.

Finlayson came on with the idea of putting his man to sleep in the first round and breaking from a chancery hold, he floored Watts who took a seven count. Watts appeared to have little ringcraft. Finlayson's round.

Wild slogging prevailed throughout the second round. Both men were erratic and laboured at each other without scoring. Just before the gong sounded, Watts got home a neat upper cut, which opened up matters. In the third, fourth and fifth rounds, things slackened and both contestants' guards were weak. In the sixth round both men went at each other hammer and tongs. Watts was more aggressive, but failed to break through. The fight ended in a draw.

Gold—Hindle.

Stoker Gold (122 lbs.) of H.M.S. *Hermes*, met A.B. Hindle (127 lbs.), of H.M.S. *Delhi*, in a ten-round featherweight contest.

Both men were eager to "mix it" freely in the first round. Gold was inclined to be erratic and Hindle was faster in his deliveries. Hindle's round.

Hindle scored with several punches to the face and jaw. His jab generally found a target. Gold's ducking not always coming off.

Gold was somewhat punished in the third, fourth and fifth rounds. His guard was ineffective and Hindle feinting neatly in the third round, got home a corkscrew blow which staggered his opponent. Gold was very game, and was on the advance all the time. Hindle worked hard for a knock-out but Gold did not seem to be much affected by the repeated blows to his jaws.

From the sixth round onwards, Gold bucked up. He should become a good boxer after some training for he is tenacious and can take any amount of punishment. He lost the fight on points.

Baker—Hall.

The first knockout of the evening was scored by Baker after nine rounds of hard fighting. These two lightweights met in a ten-round contest. L.S. Baker, of H.M.S. *Hermes*, tipped the scales at 140 lbs., and L.S. Hall, of H.M.S. *Tientsin*, at 138 lbs.

The exchanges in the first round were even but Hall appeared to have lost some of his old time confidence.

Both men were slogging wildly in the second round and in the third round, Baker gave his opponent a rabbit punch. Hall retaliated with a neat left to the face. Both were at this stage working for a k.o.

Baker missed a chance in the fourth round when he had Hall against the ropes but Hall broke through and landed two blows in rapid succession on Baker's face.

From the fifth to the eighth rounds Baker had the best of it and in the ninth round, Baker had his man against the rope. A left wing on the solar plexus followed by a sledge hammer blow to the jaw, put Hall to sleep.

GOLF.

TO-DAY'S STARTING TIMES.

Over the holiday week end competitions were in full swing but as none will be completed till to-day, and some not till to-morrow no results are as yet ready for publication.

The starting times at Fanling for to-day are:—

9.29 a.m. J. W. Franks and H. F. Bloxham.
9.32 " J. Harrop and F. B. Jones.
9.36 " F. A. Sandes and H. G. Sheldrake.
9.40 " W. N. Buyers and H. L. E. Way.
9.44 " W. A. Butterfield and P. Jacks.
9.48 " F. H. Crapnell and E. D. Matthews.
9.52 " F. A. Perry and S. M. Mayes.
9.56 " W. L. Dunbar and J. S. MacLennan.
10.00 " A. D. Humphreys and E. A. Redmond.
10.04 " J. P. Sherry and T. Megarry.
10.08 " G. Aubrey and L. R. Andrews.
10.12 " T. Ramsay and A. K. Henderson.
10.16 " A. Leach and T. L. Christie.
10.20 " N. M. Currie and H. R. Cleland.
10.24 " D. B. Roworth and T. D. E. Pendered.
10.28 " C. D. Lambert and W. Templeton.
10.32 " H. Carson and W. L. Alexander.
10.36 " T. Low and D. S. Edward.
10.40 " T. G. Bennett and E. R. Hallifax.

JUNIOR SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEMI-FINALS DECIDED.

The semi-finals in the Junior Section Championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club have now been decided, and the final has to be played on or before Saturday, April 30th.

The results of the semi-finals are: R. C. Wallace beat J. M. McBride. J. McCubbin beat J. Laing.

Morris was the more aggressive in the sixth round but Bennett was also willing to mix and towards the end, both men were locked in a clinch and the referee had to part them. Bennett went back to his seat rather groggy.

The seventh round was most exciting. Bennett came on with his second wind and punished Morris badly. He had his opponent against the rope practically all the time, and used his navy double punch to advantage. This round was the best of the whole evening's encounter.

Bennett followed up his advantage in the eighth, and was working hard to put his opponent to sleep. He would have succeeded had his blows been heavier. He had Morris against the rope but when he had broken down Morris' guard, for some unaccountable reason he retreated and lost his chance.

Bennett also threw away several chances in the ninth round when Morris was in difficulty.

The tenth round was a replica of the previous one. He had Morris in a light corner and all Morris could do was to avoid being hit.

The eleventh round saw Morris still in difficulty and sparring for time. He held onto the ropes with one hand and blocked with the other until the referee ordered him to let go of the rope.

The twelfth round was all Bennett's. Morris time after time had to hold on the rope for support and the referee had to caution him again. In this round Bennett had totally outclassed his opponent.

Morris took the offensive at the commencement of the thirteenth round. He made several attempts to floor his man, but Bennett sailed clear. Towards the end, Bennett attacked hard, his backward swings always finding Morris' face.

Then, all of a sudden Morris, with a well directed punch, sent Bennett down for a count of seven. It was now Morris' turn to do all the attacking.

Bennett got up dazed, and Morris went at him with all the vim he could muster. He rose, but Morris again sent him down where he remained until he was counted out.

At the conclusion of this bout, Mr. G. M. Young presented the belt to Morris amid much applause.

Hume—Newstead.

The husky Pte. Hume, of R.O.S.B., disposed of A.B. Newstead, of H.M.S. *Hermes*, in the second round of a six-round contest in the lightweight contest.

Hume was the huskier lad of the two, but Newstead had the advantage of height and reach.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE SEASON'S LEAGUE FIXTURES.

KEEN COMPETITION EXPECTED.

Lawn tennis is growing more and more popular in Hong Kong. Last year, the local Lawn Tennis Association experienced an unprecedented season and a record number of clubs took part in the three divisions of the League, and the competitions proved most successful. But judging by increased entries for the current season, the League struggles promise to be even keener and more interesting than last year's.

Chief interest will naturally centre in the "A" division, but the "B" division should provide some very exciting matches. The Chinese are favourites for the "C" division. The full list of entries is as follows:—

Division "A."

Hong Kong C.C., Kowloon C.C., Chinese R.C., Indian R.C., United Services R.C., Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and the University.

Division "B."

Hong Kong C.C., Kowloon C.C., Indian R.C., Chinese R.C., Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, United Services R.C., Club de Recreo, Nippon Club, University, South China A.A., Craignower C.C., and Royal Engineers.

Division "C."

Hong Kong C.C., Kowloon C.C., Nippon Club, Chinese R.C., Club de Recreo, South China A.A., Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association, Craignower C.C., Taikoo R.C., Netherlands Tennis Club and R.A.O.C.

New Clubs.

The same Clubs as last year compete in the premier division, but in "B" Nippon Club, South China A.A., and the Royal Engineers are newcomers, while the Netherlands T.C., and Civil Service have not entered. There are, therefore, 12 entries in this division as against 11 last year. In the "C" division Netherlands T.C., who entered in the "B" last year, Nippon Club, South China A.A., Kowloon British School F.P.A., and R.A.O.C. are the newcomers. The entries have been almost doubled in this division, being 11 as against 6 last year.

Below will be found the draw for the League matches for the three divisions.

"A" DIVISION.

April 30th:—Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Chinese R.C. v. Indian R.C. U.S.R.C. v. M.B.K.

May 7th:—Chinese R.C. v. H.K.C.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C. University v. U.S.R.C.

May 14th:—H.K.C.C. v. Indian R.C. M.B.K. v. Kowloon C.C. University v. Chinese R.C.

May 21st:—U.S.R.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Chinese R.C. M.B.K. v. University.

May 28th:—Hong Kong C.C. v. M.B.K. U.S.R.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Indian R.C. v. University.

June 4th:—University v. Hong Kong C.C. Chinese R.C. v. U.S.R.C. Indian R.C. v. M.B.K.

June 11th:—Kowloon C.C. v. University. M.B.K. v. Chinese R.C. Indian R.C. v. U.S.R.C.

"B" DIVISION.

April 30th:—Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. Indian R.C. v. Chinese R.C. M.B.K. v. U.S.R.C.

May 7th:—Chinese R.C. v. H.K.C.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C. University v. U.S.R.C.

May 14th:—H.K.C.C. v. Indian R.C. M.B.K. v. Kowloon C.C. University v. Chinese R.C.

May 21st:—U.S.R.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Chinese R.C. M.B.K. v. University.

May 28th:—Hong Kong C.C. v. M.B.K. U.S.R.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Indian R.C. v. University.

June 4th:—University v. Hong Kong C.C. Chinese R.C. v. U.S.R.C. Indian R.C. v. M.B.K.

June 11th:—Kowloon C.C. v. University. M.B.K. v. Chinese R.C. Indian R.C. v. U.S.R.C.

"C" DIVISION.

April 30th:—Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Chinese R.C. v. Indian R.C. U.S.R.C. v. M.B.K.

May 7th:—Chinese R.C. v. H.K.C.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C. University v. U.S.R.C.

May 14th:—H.K.C.C. v. Indian R.C. M.B.K. v. Kowloon C.C. University v. Chinese R.C.

May 21st:—U.S.R.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Chinese R.C. M.B.K. v. University.

May 28th:—Hong Kong C.C. v. M.B.K. U.S.R.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Indian R.C. v. University.

June 4th:—University v. Hong Kong C.C. Chinese R.C. v. U.S.R.C. Indian R.C. v. M.B.K.

June 11th:—Kowloon C.C. v. University. M.B.K. v. Chinese R.C. Indian R.C. v. U.S.R.C.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS.

Only one championship match was played on Friday when Yew Man Tsun and Yew Man Kit beat Major W. B. Stevenson and Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

Club Singles.

Capt. E. G. Howard beat S. M. Garrard, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "B."

H. V. Parker (rec. 15) beat T. Megarry (ove 3/8), 9-7, 6-3; W. M. Lyons (ove 1/3) beat Major J. P. S. Greig (rec. 1/9), 8-6, 7-5.

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CRICKET.

UNITED SERVICES BEAT KOWLOON.

I.R.C. "FRIENDLY."

The Easter holiday match between the United Services and the Kowloon Cricket Club played on the latter's ground resulted in an easy victory for the Services by nine wickets. Play was over two days commencing on Good Friday and concluding on Saturday.

Kowloon Cricket Club had first knock and made 180 runs. W. Bruce batted extremely well for his 50 and E. Goodwin, the side's best all round performer this season, made the highest score, contributing 60. Guest scored 33 and E. C. Fincher made 19. Surg-Comdr. Hall took 4 wickets for 40 runs. Capt. Dobbie 2 for 35, and Comdr. Reed 2 for 31.

The United Services at the end of the day's play had passed their opponents' total for the loss of 5 wickets. Continuing their innings on Saturday morning they ran up 240 runs all out. Capt. Dobbie was the standing batsman scoring 81 runs by a forceful play. He hit 2 sixes. Lieut. Tate who partnered Capt. Dobbie was second highest scorer with 42. Others to reach double figures were Surg-Comdr. Hall 33, Lieut. Hunt 35, Lieut. Sturges 20 and Lieut. Garrett 16. For the Kowloon attack Lyall and E. F. Fincher took 4 wickets each for 33 and 33 runs respectively. Bruce claimed the other 2 wickets for 44 runs.

Kowloon made a feeble reply being all out for 110 runs. Of these Bruce scored 15 only, but E. C. Fincher made 39 and L. A. H. Duncan 20. Goodwin also helped with 17. The successful bowlers were Comdr. Reed (2 wickets for 24 runs), Surg-Comdr. Hall (3 for 38 runs), Lieut. Garrett (3 for 29), and Lieut. Sturges (1 for 14).

Set with only 58 runs to win, the United Services made short work by knocking up 31 runs for 1 wicket. Lieut. Brewerton and Lieut. Dale were at the wickets at the conclusion of the match. Goodwin claimed the solitary wicket.

Indian R.C. Match.

In celebration of their success in winning of the Junior Shield, the Indian Recreation Club on Saturday played an inter-member friendly match at Soekunpo between teams captained by Sirdar Khan and Akker. The match resulted in a win for Sirdar Khan who captained the second team during the season.

The winning side compiled 246 runs declared for 9 wickets of which A. el Arculli, the captain of the first eleven made 103, not out. M. P. Madar scored 61 and Sirdar Khan himself made 25. A. R. Minu was the most successful bowler taking 2 wickets for 11 runs.

Acker's side replied with 104 runs only, he himself being top scorer with 32 runs. Others to reach double figures were A. H. Madar 12, F. M. el Arculli 24 and D. Mohamed 15. A. el Arculli, Mans, Sirdar Khan and A. S. Ismail took 2 wickets each.

Following the game an "at home" was held at the Club to mark both the 2nd XI, success and the impending departure of the 1st XI captain, Mr. A. el Arculli to Europe on holiday.

FURTHER FIXTURES.

The Tennis Sub-Committee's draw over the week-end for the rest of the events for this week resulted as follows:—

TUESDAY.

Open Singles.

Col. C. Russell Brown v. Ng Sze Cheung.

Open Doubles.

H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn v. N. Trambitzky and J. W. Leonard.

WEDNESDAY.

Open Singles.

M. W. Lo v. Capt. E. W. Morris.

Open Doubles.

F. A. Redmond and Dr. R. E. Tottenham v. Cheong Tuck Wing and Hung Hui Chen.

M. K. Lo and Horace Lo v. R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley.

Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung v. T. Honda and H. Akiyama.

THURSDAY.

Open Singles.

F. A. Redmond v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Club Singles.

T. D. E. Pendered v. E. H. Jacobs.

FRIDAY.

Open Singles.

Ng Sze Kwong v. J. W. Leonard.

Open Doubles.

Yew Man Tsun and Yew Man Kit v. winners of F. A. Redmond and Dr. R. E. Tottenham v. Cheong Tuck Wing and Hung Hui Chen.

Winners of H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn and J. W. Leonard and N. Trambitzky and

Winners of M. K. Lo and Horace Lo v. R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley.

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LAWN BOWLS.

GOOD FRIDAY FRIENDLY MATCHES.

K.B.G.C. ENTERTAIN AND BEAT K.C.C.

Playing at home on Good Friday, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club entertained the Kowloon Cricket Club bowls players, and won comfortably, being successful on three out of the four risks engaged.

The scores follow:—

Kowloon C.C.	K.B.G.C.
Hirst	Chapman
Strange	Hale
Tacchi	Hazel
Pile	Harvey
(Skip) 19	(Skip) 21
Hamblin	Duncan
Wragge	Rundell
Goldenberg	MacLachlan
Gibson	Holland
(Skip) 24	(Skip) 18
Gorvin	Dobbie
Harrison	Slipper
Overy	Farrall
Hoyce	MacLachlan
(Skip) 8	(Skip) 23
Kern	Stonham
Petheram	Dixon
Lammert	Muir
Hill	Russell
(Skip) 17	(Skip) 21

Total 68 Total 61
A return match is to be played between these two clubs to-day on the greens of the Kowloon Cricket Club.

CIVIL SERVICE PRACTICE MATCH.

Also on Good Friday, the Civil Service Cricket Club played a practice match in preparation for the coming lawn bowls season. Another trial game will be played next Saturday at 3.30 p.m., when it is hoped that all playing members will turn out.

The scores in Friday's match were as under:—

1st Risk.	2nd Risk.	3rd Risk.
Smith	Haynes	Lang
Keegan	Maughan	Long
Pendered	James	Skinner
(Skip) 16	(Skip) 19	(Skip) 14
Eccleshall	Holdman	Alford
Archibald	Jones	Alford
Oswick	Alford	(Skip) 29
(Skip) 14	(Skip) 11	(Skip) 11
Beattie	Lang	Skinner
Reynolds	Taylor	Alford
Brown	Alderman	(Skip) 16
(Skip) 20	(Skip) 16	(Skip) 11

K.B.G.C. v. NAVAL YARD.

Rain was responsible on Saturday for a delay in starting a game on three risks between the Naval Dockyard Recreation Club and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Only thirteen heads were played, the final scores showing a win for the Bowling Green Club by 43 to 32.

Scores:—

K.B.G.C.	NAVAL DOCK.
MacLachlan	Brightman
Hale	Evens
Muir	Hollidge
Holland	Magill
(Skip) 9	(Skip) 11
Chapman	Bythe
Dixon	Luck
Farrall	Taylor
Gibson	Alderman
(Skip) 12	(Skip) 11
Gourlay	Knott
Hyde	Reid
Macfarlane	Moor
Harvey	Oswick
(Skip) 22	(Skip) 10

Total 43 Total 32
Majority for K.B.G.C. 11 shots.

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE.

THE SEASON'S FIXTURES.

The official fixture list for the Lawn Bowls League has now been issued to clubs. The season opens on Saturday, May 7th, but most clubs are holding practice games prior to this date.

Division I.

May 7th:—Taikoo R.C. v. Craignower C.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. C.S.C.C.
Police R.C. v. Kowloon Dock R.C.

May 14th:—C.C.C. v. K.C.C.
Police R.C. v. C.S.C.C.
K. Dock R.C. v. K.B.G.C.

May 21st:—K.D.R.C. v. Taikoo R.C.
C.C.C. v. Police R.C.
K.B.G.C. v. C.S.C.C.

May 28th:—C.C.C. v. K.B.G.C.
K.C.C. v. K.D.R.C.
C.S.C.C. v. Taikoo R.C.

Division II.

May 7th:—C.C.C. v. Taikoo R.C.
C.S.C.C. v. K.C.C.
Club de Recreo v. East Point R.C.

May 14th:—Club de Recreo v. C.S.C.C.
Taikoo R.C. v. East Point R.C.
C.S.C.C. v. Yacht Club.

SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING.

FINE SPORT AND GOOD DIVIDENDS.

MACAO PONY WINS AGGREGATE STAKES.

[By RAPIER.]

The attendance at Saturday's Meeting was slightly below normal owing to the somewhat dismal weather prevailing. The drizzle had the effect of making the going slippery rather than heavy and the times were generally on the slow side. I do not think the state of the Course was altogether responsible for the rather sensational defeat of Saligia in the Aggregate Stakes. This was one of the few races where the time was not bad considering the going. It was 2.08.4.5 compared with 2.07.3.5 for the same race at the last Extra Meeting and 2.09.2.5 for the Gymkhana Stakes at the Annual Meeting when the going on both occasions was good. Bacarrat and Macao Beauty are certainly worthy of respect and their success will help to focus closer attention on the activities of the Macao Race Club. Wong's success on the present occasion helped to efface the memory of the bad luck which dogged him at the last Meeting. The fields were fairly big and the third race was rather unusual as all the ten ponies entered faced the Starter. The Band of the K.O.S.B. took refuge in the Grand Stand and enlivened the proceedings with a well chosen and excellently rendered programme of music.

The Racing.

There were seven starters in the first race. The favourite, Grande del Norte, lost to King of Troy by three lengths with The Grig an equal distance away. This was a good performance on the part of the winner in view of the fact that he took his jockey twice round the Course early on Saturday morning when he was taken out for his usual last quarter.

The second race produced a severe tussle between Home Call and The Goblin for first place the latter winning by a head with Battle Eve two lengths away. Had Home Call won he would have handsomely rewarded his supporters who only numbered 68 as against 353 on Goblin and 233 on Battle Eve.

The third race gave Pollock his second consecutive win and Pottenbush out of the non-winner's class. This was a good finish with Bing Boy taking second place from Festive Eve by half a length. Pottenbush got badly left at the post but Pollock was undeterred by this misfortune and his success was well merited. Riders are too prone to allow a bad start to upset them instead of making the best of things and endeavouring to retrieve their position.

The fourth race provided the afternoon's sensation and the lucky supporters of Bacarrat and Macao Beauty were indeed fortunate as dividends of \$242 for a win and \$44 and \$71 respectively for places are very unusual.

The fifth race was again won by Black Mouse with Reynolds and Cra filling the places. Abel-Smith was primarily responsible for the victory as he jumped off at the start as before and rode hard the whole way. The winner paid \$19 as against \$99.30 the last time he ran. A friend of mine backed Black Mouse because he saw a dead black rat on his way to the Office on the morning of the last Meeting. I suppose those people who have been writing about the Statue Square spooks would probably back The Goblin after a night out.

The sixth race was won rather surprisingly by Bagheera with Skirloo second and Tangle third. Kom Tong Hall had a big lead for about five furlongs and the pace was then fairly slow. Had this pony been kept steadily on instead of being held a different story might have been told.

In the seventh race Total Abstinence was for some obscure reason made favourite but was unplaced. Wong added another victory to his credit by bringing Bright Eve home half a length in front of The Spectre with August four lengths away.

The eighth race was won comfortably by The Gezer with Grey Knight two lengths away and Loch Tummel, the favourite, well behind.

The last race was the best of the day and the Handicapper must have felt satisfied with the result of his labours. Ukelele got home by a head with Papyrus taking second place from The Gomeril by a short head. Ukelele's unexpected win compensated for August's failure in the seventh race and Mrs. Paterson's success was very gratifying.

The Officials were as follows:—

Patron:—H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, C.M.G.

Honorary Stewards:—H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, Bt., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L. (Oxon), H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G.

Stewards:—Mr. H. P. White, Sir Henry Gollan, Kt., C.B.E., Lieut.-Col. G. K. Hall Bruton, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. R. J. Paterson, Mr. C. A. Peel, Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mr. H. Birkett, and Mr. F. Sutton.

Clerk of the Course:—Mr. R. J. Paterson.

Secretary:—Mr. C. B. Brown.

Treasurer:—Messrs Linstead and Davis.

Officials for Extra Meetings:—Mr. R. J. Paterson, Mr. C. A. Peel, Mr. W. T. Stanton, and Mr. F. Sutton.

Judge:—Mr. D. E. Clark.

Assistant Judge:—Mr. M. T. Johnson.

In Charge of the Scales:—Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mr. C. A. Peel.

Starter:—Lieut.-Col. G. K. Hall Bruton.

Second Starter:—Mr. H. C. Macnamara.

Paddock:—Mr. F. Sutton.

Handicapper:—Mr. C. M. S. Alves.

Time-keeper:—Mr. A. A. Alves.

Honorary Veterinary Surgeons:—Major F. Hogg, R.A.V.C. and Mr. L. Reidy, M.R.C.V.S.

DETAILED RESULTS.

1.—Boa Vista Handicap: "B" Class: Six Furlongs.

For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize, \$400; 2nd prize, \$150; 3rd prize, \$100.

Mr. Dynasty's King of Troy, 170 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 1

Mrs. Priestley's Grande del Norte, 168 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 2

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Grig, 152 lbs. (Mr. Sewell) 3

Also ran:—Loch Rannoch, 152 lbs. (Mr. Pollock); Grey Streak, 152 lbs. (Mr. Pollock); Golden Hall, 151 lbs. (Mr. da Rosa); Salvo 145 lbs. (Mr. Chum).

Won by three lengths; three lengths between second and third. Time: 1.34.4.5.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$44.20

Place 1st 12.40

2nd 7.90

3rd 5.90

Win. Place.

Grande del Norte 184 233

Loch Rannoch 124 278

The Grig 107 144

King of Troy 57 88

Grey Streak 50 88

Golden Hall 32 102

Salvo 7 20

2.—Boa Vista Handicap: "A" Class: Six Furlongs.

For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize, \$400; 2nd prize, \$150; 3rd prize, \$100.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Goblin, 168 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 1

Mr. R. M. Austin's Home Call, 153 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 2

Mr. Eve's Battle Eve, 158 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 3

Also ran:—Dick Lo (late Wong Ho), 149 lbs. (Mr. da Rosa); Laceda II, 158 lbs. (Mr. Stanton); Grey Morn, 153 lbs. (Mr. Reidy); Valour, 149 lbs. (Mr. Chum); The Regent, 149 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel).

Won by a head; two lengths between second and third. Time: 1.34.1.5.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$11.60

Place 1st 5.70

2nd 7.40

3rd 5.80

Win. Place.

The Goblin 353 444

Battle Eve 283 427

Dick Lo 70 90

Grey Morn 70 69

Home Call 68 147

The Regent 29 77

Laceda II 25 78

Valour 9 35

3.—April Stakes: One Mile.

For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season. Non-winners 5 lbs. allowance; winners of one race, weight for inches as per scale; Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize, \$400; 2nd prize, \$150; 3rd prize, \$100.

Mrs. R. M. Austin's Pottenbush, 155 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 1

Messrs. Tester and Abraham's Bing Boy, 150 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 2

Mr. Eve's Festive Eve, 155 lbs. (Mr. Chum) 3

Also ran:—Scooter, 149 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel); Fire Call, 155 lbs. (Mr. da Rosa); Fursfield, 150 lbs. (Mr. Sewell); Bolder, 155 lbs. (Mr. Wong); Plum Pudding (late The George and Vulture), 155 lbs. (Mr. Reidy); Sugar Loaf, 152 lbs. (Mr. Wallace); Mountain Fox, 151 lbs. (Mr. Bousfield).

Won by a length; half a length between second and third. Time: 2.12.3.5.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$6.70

Place 1st 5.70

2nd 5.00

3rd 18.10

Win. Place.

Pottenbush 681 870

Bolder 82 234

Bing Boy 81 202

Scooter 55 151

Festive Eve 55 47

Fire Call 51 107

Fursfield 11 13

Plum Pudding 7 14

Sugar Loaf 7 8

Mountain Fox 5 0

4.—Second Aggregate Stakes: One Mile.

Value \$500. For all China ponies. Catch weights at 10 st. 9 lbs. Winners of an open race or open griffin race value \$500 or over or ponies that have won the aggregate prize for the Gymkhana Stakes or Aggregate Stakes in any season 5 lbs. extra. Non-winning subscription griffins allowed 5 lbs. A Cup to be run for five times, or as decided by the Committee, called the Aggregate Cup, will be presented at the end of the season to be won by the pony scoring most marks in the races for the Aggregate Stakes at the Extra Meetings during the season, continuing 4 points for a first; 2 for a second; and 1 for a third. The benefit of marks already scored to pass with the pony on a sale. Any winner of the race this season to carry 5 lbs. extra for each win in subsequent starts for the race, but in the event of a pony carrying the penalty not winning, 2 lbs. to be deducted next time he starts, such 2 lbs. to remain deducted until he wins again, when he will carry the full penalties without deduction. Penalties accumulative up to 15 lbs. In the event of two or more ponies tying with the same number of marks after five races have been run the owners shall either divide the value of the Cup which is hereby placed at \$1,000, or shall run off on a day to be fixed by the Committee, not being the same day as the last race for the Stakes but within two weeks thereafter. In the event of a run off the weights shall be weight for inches as per scale. Entrance fee \$5. 2nd prize, \$200; 3rd prize, \$100.

Mr. K.H.'s Bacarrat, 152 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 1

Mr. Luen Yick's Macao Beauty (late Bright Day II), 149 lbs. (Mr. Chum) 2

Mr. R. M. Austin's Brigade Call, 134 lbs. (Mr. da Rosa) 3

Also ran:—Misty Eve, 154 lbs. (Mr. Stanton); Saligia, 150 lbs. (Mr. Pollock).

Won by two lengths; half a length between second and third. Time: 2.08.4.5.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$272.70

Place 1st 44.40

2nd 71.10

Win. Place.

Saligia 943 809

Misty Eve 152 241

Brigade Call 72 137

Macao Beauty 23 40

Bacarrat 22 67

5.—Polo Pony Scoury: Three Furlongs.

For bond fide polo ponies approved by the Committee of the Hong Kong Polo Club. To be ridden by playing members of the Hong Kong Polo Club. Catchweights 168 lbs. Entrance fee \$3. Post entries, 1st prize, \$200; 2nd prize, \$100; 3rd prize, \$50.

Black Mouse (Mr. Abel-Smith) 1

Reynolds (Mr. Stanton) 2

Cra (Mr. Kelly) 3

Also ran:—Stripes (Mr. Mattingly); Pepperpot (Mr. Eve); Urgent (Mr. Welch).

Won by a length; two lengths between second and third. Time not taken.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$18.00

Place 1st 7.00

2nd 7.10

3rd 14.00

Win. Place.

Stripes 284 310

Black Mouse 201 225

Reynolds 193 274

Urgent 67 86

Cra 68 86

Pepperpot 47 64

6.—Mount Parker Plate: One and a Quarter Miles.

For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season. Non-winners 5 lbs. allowance; winners of one race, weight for inches as per scale; Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize, \$400; 2nd prize, \$150; 3rd prize, \$100.

Mr. E. L. Sim's Bagheera, 152 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 1

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Skirloo, 150 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 2

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Tangle, 155 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 3

Also ran:—Kom Tong Hall, 155 lbs. (Mr. da Rosa).

Won by a short head; two lengths between second and third. Time: 2.49.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$26.80

Place 1st 7.00

2nd 6.30

Win. Place.

Skirloo 250 303

Bagheera 214 163

Kom Tong Hall 125 105

7.—Tangle Plate: Once Round (about 7 furlongs 55 yards).

For subscription griffins of any season and non-winning griffins of this season. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this season and non-winning griffins allowed 5 lbs. Winners of one race, 5 lbs. extra; of two races, 10 lbs. extra; of three or more races, 15 lbs. extra. Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize, \$400; 2nd prize, \$150; 3rd prize, \$100.

Mr. Eve's Bright Eve, 152 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 1

Mr. D. U. N. Down's Spectre (late The Ghost), 149 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 2

Mr. R. J. Paterson's August, 154 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 3

Also ran:—Total Abstinence, 173 lbs. (Mr. Reidy); Barley Grass, 167 lbs. (Mr. da Rosa); King Alan, 150 lbs. (Mr. Wallace).

Won by half a length; four lengths between second and third. Time: 1.58.3.5.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$30.20

Place 1st 6.50

2nd 6.90

Win. Place.

Total Abstinence 333 238

August 308 276

Bright Eve 143 250

Spectre 68 110

Barley Grass 68 86

King Alan 40 91

8.—Kellett Handicap: "B" Class: One and a Quarter Miles.

For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize, \$450; 2nd prize, \$200; 3rd prize, \$100.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Gezer, 163 lbs. (Mr. Sewell) 1

Mr. R. M. Austin's Grey Knight, 152 lbs. (Mr. Chum) 2

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Tummel, 152 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 3

Also ran:—San Diego, 163 lbs. (Mr. Stanton); Saracen, 148 lbs. (Mr. Clarke); Spotted Sand, 143 lbs. (Mr. da Rosa).

Won by two lengths; four lengths between second and third. Time: 2.46.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$42.90

Place 1st 6.50

2nd 5.50

3rd 5.30

Win. Place.

Loch Tummel 527 573

Grey Knight 226 236

Spotted Sand 128 128

The Gezer 114 154

San Diego 72 74

Saracen 21 29

9.—Kellett Handicap: "A" Class: One and a Quarter Miles.

For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize, \$450; 2nd prize, \$200; 3rd prize, \$100.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Ukelele, 165 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 1

Mr. K.H.'s Papyrus, 152 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 2

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Gomeril, 158 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 3

Also ran:—Attaboy, 166 lbs. (Mr. Stanton); Flash Star (late Far Eastern), 158 lbs. (Mr. Chum); Expor, 150 lbs. (Mr. Sewell); Dragon Boat, 160 lbs. (Mr. Reidy); King of the Plains, 150 lbs. (Mr. da Rosa).

Won by a head; short head between second and third. Time: 2.48.

Pari-mutuel:—

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Win. Place.

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Ukelele 187 253

Attaboy 123 152

King of the Plains 100 89

Expor 30 34

Flash Star 18 39

Dragon Boat 18 39

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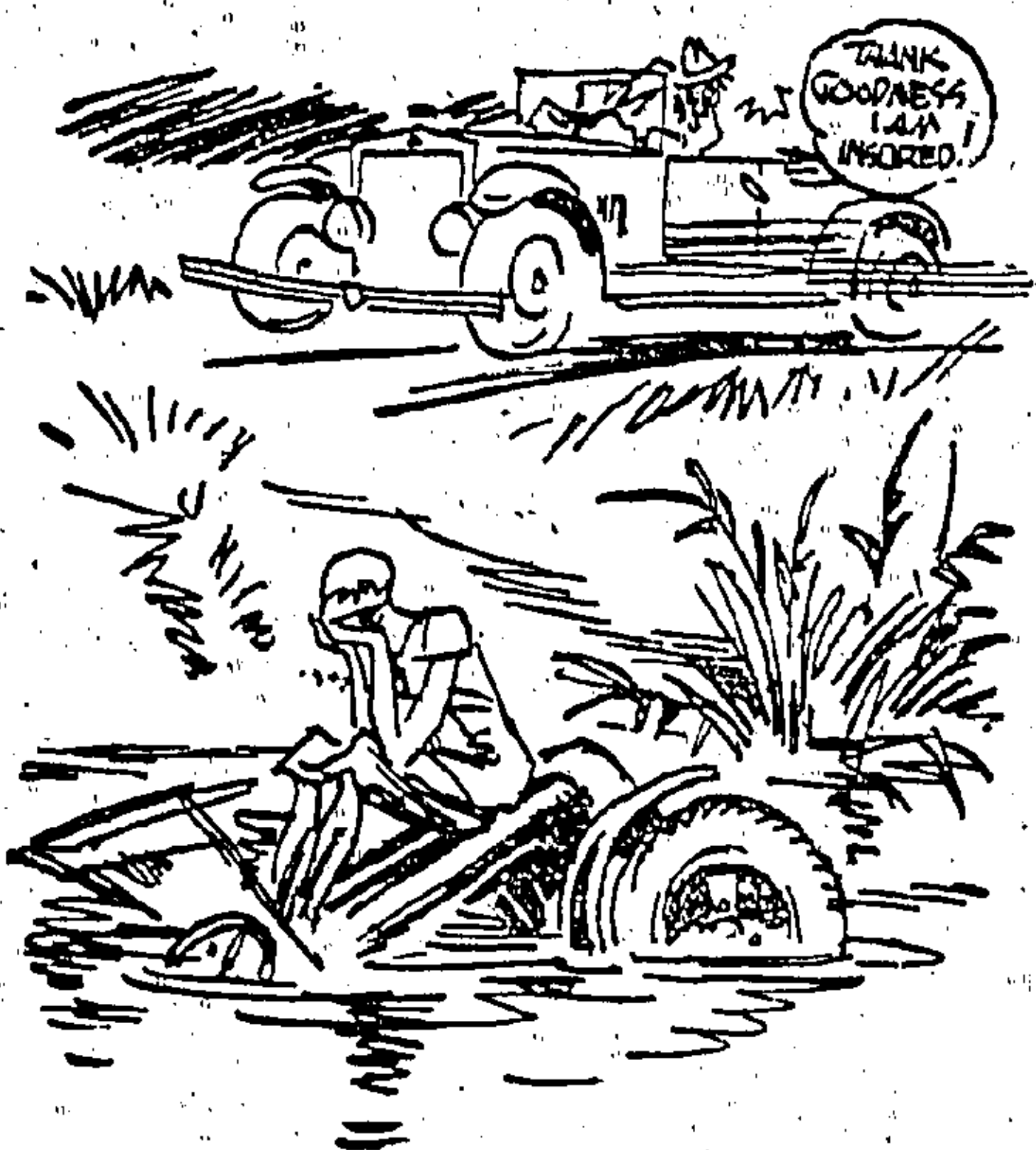
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HOME FOOTBALL.

THE HOLIDAY MATCHES.

RESULTS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Practically all the professional teams at Home were engaged in League matches over Easter, and below will be found the results of both the Good Friday and Easter Saturday games.

On Good Friday in Division I. there were eight matches played, of these only two were drawn, and only one was won away. 27 goals were scored, 18 being by home teams and nine by away teams.

In Division II. nine matches were played, and of these five were won at home, two away, and there were two draws.

In Division III. (Southern) there were nine matches, and of these four were won at home, two away, and there were three draws. Goals scored numbered 31, 17 by home teams and 14 by away teams.

In Division III. (Northern) eight matches were played, and of these six were won at home, and there were two draws. Goals scored were 24, 10 by home teams and 5 by away teams.

On Saturday each Division had a full programme, twenty-two teams being down to participate in each. In Division III. (Northern) one match was not played. In the Scottish League (Division I) one match was postponed on account of the Scottish Cup final, and two other matches were also unplayed.

In Division I. nine matches were won at home, one away and there was one draw. Goals numbered 45, of which 30 were scored by home teams and 15 by away teams.

In Division II. five matches were won at home, four away, and there were two draws. Goals scored numbered 30, 22 by home teams and 17 by away teams.

In Division III. (Southern) there were seven matches won at home, two away, and there were two draws. Goals numbered 30, 18 being scored by home teams and 14 by away teams.

In Division III. (Northern) there were seven matches won at home, three away. Goals numbered 33, of which 25 were scored at home and 8 away.

THE RESULTS.

The results of both days' matches follow:—

FOOD FRIDAY MATCHES.

Division I.

Arsenal 2, Aston Villa 1.
Bolton W. 4, Sheffield United 1.
Burnley 3, Leeds United 2.
Bury 0, Leicester C. 0.
Liverpool 5, Cardiff C. 0.
Manchester U. 2, Derby C. 2.
Newcastle U. 1, Huddersfield 0.
Tottenham 1, West Ham 3.

Division II.

Blackpool 6, South Shields 1.
Clapton O. 1, Southampton 0.
Darlington 2, Manchester C. 2.
Fulham 4, Swansea T. 3.
Grimsby 0, Reading 1.
Nottingham F. 1, Oldham A. 1.
Preston N.E. 1, Barnsley 2.
Port Vale 3, Middlesbrough 1.
Preston N.W. 1, Hull City 0.

Division III. (Southern).

Brentford 1, Merthyr T. 7.
Bristol City 2, Bourmoumouth 0.
Brighton 1, Luton T. 1.
Gillingham 2, Crystal Palace 1.
Millwall 4, Exeter 2.
Newport 0, Queen's Park R. 2.
Plymouth 3, Charlton 1.
Swindon 3, Bristol R. 5.
Watford 1, Norwich C. 1.

Division III. (Northern).

Chesterfield 1, Nelson 1.
Crewe A. 3, Stockport C. 2.
Doncaster R. 3, Stoke 1.
Lincoln City 5, Durham C. 0.
New Brighton 3, Walsall 1.
Southport 3, Barrow 0.
Tranmere R. 0, Halifax Town 0.
Wrexham 1, Bradford 0.

SATURDAY.

English League: Division I.
Arsenal 4, West Brom. A. 1.
Aston Villa 2, Leicester C. 0.
Bolton W. 5, Everton 0.
Burnley 2, West Ham U. 1.
Cardiff C. 3, Wednesday 2.
Derby C. 3, Huddersfield T. 4.
Leeds 5, Birmingham 1.
Liverpool 2, Bury 2.
Manchester U. 2, Blackburn R. 0.
Newcastle U. 3, Tottenham H. 2.
Sheffield U. 2, Sunderland 0.

Division II.

Bradford C. 0, Swansea T. 0.
Chelsea 2, Nottingham F. 0.
Clapton C. 2, Fulham 3.
Hull C. 2, Darlington 1.
Middlesbrough 3, Grimsby T. 0.
Notts C. 1, Oldham A. 2.
Port Vale 2, Blackpool 4.
Preston N.E. 2, Barnsley 1.
Southampton 1, Reading 1.
S. Shields 2, Manchester C. 2.
Wolves 0, Portsmouth 1.

THE "BELFAST" CUP.

K.B.G.C. CONTEST RESULTS.

The full results of the contests for the Belfast Cup, presented by Mr. A. McKirdy, and competed for at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club are given below. The conditions of the competition were 21 heads, two bowls each, singles.

In Division "A" the winner was Mr. Peter Farrell (—2) whose performances in the competition were as follows:—

Walk over from J. C. Brown (—3).
Beat W. Macfarlane (—3).
Beat L. Guy (—4).
Beat A. Chapman (C—3).
Beat D. Muir (—2).
The performances of the runner-up, D. Muir (—2) were:—
Beat C. Scott Atkinson (—4).
Beat R. Duncan (—1).
Beat R. McLellan (—2).
Beat J. Gibson (—4).
Lost to P. Farrell (—2).

In the Second Division (confined to non-prize winners) the premier award went to Mr. T. Fergusson (—1), whose records in the contests were:—

Walk over from R. Adey (—2).
Beat J. M. Matthew (—1).
Beat C. Hatt (—3).
Beat W. A. Rundell (—1).
The record of the runner-up, W. A. Rundell (—1) was as under:—
Beat Hale (—1).
Walk over from D. S. Neilson (—2).
Beat J. D. Thomson (—3).
Beat by J. Fergusson (—1).

FAR EASTERN GAMES.

PREPARATIONS BEING MADE IN PHILIPPINES.

TRAINING TO START.

Training schedules of the Filipino athletes who will compete in the Far Eastern Games to be held in Shanghai during August and September will be considered at a P.A.A.F. executive committee conference to be held at the office of Dr. Ylanan, secretary and treasurer of the organization, says the Manila Times of last week. It is expected that a report will be made from the Shanghai athletic authorities concerning the actual dates of the games. Officials of the P.A.A.F. cabled an inquiry to Shanghai asking definite information concerning the holding of the Eighth Far Eastern Games. It has been maintained by some that conditions in China might cancel the event or at least postpone it.

Other matters to be discussed at the conference have to do with the appointing of coaches. Since the names of all competitors in the various games are already known, it is considered advisable to select the coaching staff so that no time will be lost in training.

According to the present plans, all athletes with the exception of the track men and the football squad will train in Manila. Football and track men are to be shipped to Albany for intensive training until two weeks before the games.

Division III. (Southern).

Brentford 1, Newport C. 1.
Brighton and H. C. 2, M. mouth and B.A. 2.
Bristol R. 2, Gillingham 1.
Exeter C. 3, Crystal Pal. 1.
Luton T. 1, Charlton A. 0.
Merthyr T. 1, Coventry C. 0.
Millwall 1, Aberdare A. 0.
Northampton 2, Plymouth A. 1.
Norwich C. 1, Bristol C. 1.
Southend U. 0, Queen's Park R. 3.
Swindon T. 4, Watford 2.

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington S. 2, Doncaster R. C. 0.
Crewe A. 2, Ashington 1.
Durham C. 1, Stoke C. 2.
Halifax T. 0, Wrexham 1.
Hartlepool U. 1, Chesterfield 2.
Lincoln C. 2, Wigan Boro. 0.
Southport 6, Walsall 1.
Stockport E. 4, Nelson 1.
Rochdale 3, Bradford 0.
Tranmere R. 4, Rotherham U. 0.
[The match between Barrow and New Brighton was postponed.]

Scottish League: Division I.

Aberdeen 1, Airdrieonians 1.
Dundee 1, Clyde 2.
Dunfermline A. 4, St. Johnstone 0.
Falkirk 2, Cowdenbeath 2.
Hamilton A. 1, Rangers 1.
Hearts 1, Dundee U. 2.
Kilmarnock 0, Hibernians 0.
St. Mirren 1, Partick T. 3.
The match between Celtic and Motherwell was not played owing to the former team being engaged in the Scottish Cup Match. The matches between Kilmarnock and the Hibernians, and Queen's Park and Morton were also not played.

TODAY'S MATCHES.

As stated on Friday, there will be further League matches played at Home to-day and also a few to-morrow. Most of the teams will be engaged to-day, except in the Scottish League, and the matches for the most part are returns of Good Friday matches. The fixtures have already appeared in the Daily Press.

THE CHINA SQUADRON.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MARINES.

COST OF SINGAPORE BASE.

In a discussion upon the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons, Mr. Bridgman said that the total figure for the cost of the Singapore base has been reduced from £11,000,000 to £7,750,000. That is exclusive of the cost of the new floating dock which is being constructed to go there. This reduction has been made possible by a more careful survey of the ground and of what is necessary, and also by leaving out certain facilities for storage and repair which are not absolutely necessary and which, if unfortunately, the political outlook were to become clouded, could be erected in a very short time.

Towards the cost of the whole of the scheme the Straits Settlements have contributed the land, Hong Kong has already given £250,000, the Malay States have given £2,000,000 and remarked Mr. Bridgman, amid laughter and cheers, "we should be very glad to receive further contributions." They quite spontaneously offered the money, he continued, and there is no reason why other people should not do the same. The sum required this year for Singapore, for the construction of the floating dock, will be £335,500; for other works, £234,000; of which £256,000 will come from the Malay States and only £43,500, fortunately for us, this year from the British taxpayer.

The Ships For China.

I must say a word about the necessity for sending ships to China owing to the disturbed state of that country. I think the Leader of the Opposition and other speakers on that side of the House have attempted to draw some distinction between what they call the policy of the Foreign Office and the policy of the Service Departments, as if they were not united in this matter. It is a complete myth. As far as the Admiralty are concerned, what we have done has been to respond as rapidly as we could—and I think nobody could say we have wasted much time—to what the Foreign Office asked us to do in order to protect British people in China. We are very glad to have been able to send out ships from which landing parties can be disembarked, and whose presence will do a good deal to allay the terrible anxiety which many British people are living under in China at the present time. (Cheers.) We have sent out 1,000 Marines at very short notice. They were ready in three days from the time they were asked for, and several days before their troops were available. I think that is a very great testimony to the great efficiency of that magnificent force, the Marines, that in less than three days they were ready to go to those very distant parts of the world. (Cheers.)

The China Squadron.

The Navy Estimates for 1927 note a decision to reorganise the China Squadron. This consists at present of five cruisers of various types, all dating from the war period. In the course of 1927 they are to be relieved by five ships of the new "Kent" class, each of 10,000 tons, 31½ knots speed, and an armament of eight 8-in. guns. When this transfer has been effected we shall have in China waters a cruiser squadron of unusual power and homogeneity, which in case of need could be promptly reinforced by the three formidable cruisers now on the East Indies station.

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Shipping News Week-End Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

WEEK-END FREIGHT RETURNS.

THROUGH CARGOES HEAVY.

LOCAL IMPORTS DOWN.

Local imports of general merchandise during the week-end showed a decrease but through cargoes, increased considerably.

There were only 9,580 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Friday. Of these, 7,115 tons were on British steamers.

Through freights were manifested on seven vessels, and totalled 15,433 tons. Four British vessels were responsible for 13,363 tons.

Saturday's Returns.

A further decrease in local imports was registered during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Although there were ten arrivals, only 8,672 tons of general merchandise were imported, with only 40 tons on one British steamer.

Freights for other ports amounted to 25,696 tons. Three British steamers accounted for 3,400 tons.

During the period under review there were 33 arrivals and 28 departures. The nationalities were: British, 13 arrivals and 8 departures; Japanese, 11 arrivals and 2 departures; German, 2 arrivals and 3 departures; French, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Norwegian, 2 arrivals and 3 departures; Swedish, 1 arrival; Chinese, 3 arrivals and 5 departures; Dutch, 1 arrival and 3 departures; American, 1 departure.

The following were some of the principal carriers:—

S.S. *Hineang* (British) from Sandakan, 4,180 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Glenbeg* (British) from Singapore, 1,390 tons general for Hong Kong, and 7,700 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Nellor* (British) from Singapore, 640 tons general for Hong Kong, and 4,820 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Saariand* (British) from Hamburg and Yokohama, 2 tons general for Hong Kong, and 4,952 for ports.

S.S. *Raymond Poincaré* (French) from Haiphong, 1,138 tons general for Hong Kong, and 2,900 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Delhi* (Swedish) from Gothenburg and Vladivostok, 7,100 tons general for other ports.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR APRIL, 1927

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
April 18th.....	6.02 a.m.	6.44 p.m.
19th.....	6.01	6.45
20th.....	6.00	6.45
21st.....	5.59	6.46
22nd.....	5.58	6.46
23rd.....	5.58	6.46
24th.....	5.57	6.47
25th.....	5.56	6.47
26th.....	5.56	6.47
27th.....	5.55	6.48
28th.....	5.54	6.48
29th.....	5.53	6.48
30th.....	5.52	6.49

(Continued on next column.)

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

CARGO JUNK ON FIRE.

BUSY SCENE AT HARBOUR OFFICE.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

The Clearance and Entry Offices at the Harbour Department presented an unusually busy scene on Saturday morning due to the fact that the offices had been closed to mariners on Friday. Quite a crowd of masters and mates were there on Saturday morning before the offices opened. Some had to wait for nearly two hours before they could get their clearance papers. The crowd was still as big at noon when Longshoremen left.

Chinese Passengers. Asiatic deck passengers numbering 1,833 persons were brought into the Colony during Friday and Saturday.

Junk Afire. A sea-going junk, carrying a large quantity of inflammable cargo, caught fire near the Macao wharf on Friday morning. Shortly after the outbreak the whole waterfront was lined with people, who seemed vastly amused at the conflagration.

When the new fire boat came on the scene, the junk was blazing from bow to stern, but due to the prompt action of the fire fighters, the fire was brought under control.

Half an hour's action with two deck monitors and two lengths of hose quenched the flames and the junk was then towed by the float to Tai Kok Tsui as there was a possibility of her sinking in the fairway. The junk is practically submerged but has not sunk.

"Empress of Russia." The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived here from Manila on Saturday morning with freight and passengers. She sails for Vancouver via ports on Wednesday at noon. The liner carried 147 cabin passengers, and 554 steerage passengers. There were 64 passengers for Hong Kong, including 27 first class, 32 second class and 4 third class. Of the steerage passengers 210 disembarked at Hong Kong; these being 21 Chinese, 1 Japanese and 184 Filipinos. Of the through passengers, 15 were for Shanghai, 12 second class and three third class. There are 7 for Nagasaki, two first class, four second class and one third class. Through cabin passengers to Vancouver numbered 23, these being nine first class, 11 second class, and three third class. There are no fewer than 349 steerage passengers for Vancouver.

Good Silk Consignments. A feature of river traffic from Canton during the past week has been the heavy shipments of silk, and these at present show no tendency to decrease. Godowns have been kept full, and there has been difficulty in disposal in view of some of the consignments being ahead of time.

Vessels from Kongsmoon have been carrying cargo since the 25 per cent. surtax has been imposed, instead of 8 per cent. The smaller boats, however, are continuing to do fair trade.

On Thursday the *s.s. Anting* was docked at Taikoo for the usual periodical bottom cleaning.

Returning from Canton on Thursday, the *s.s. Hanyang* brought 650 tons of overcarried cargo.

Favourable consideration has been given to an application made by Jose de los Reyes, residing at Manila, to the Bureau of Customs for a permit to salvage the hulls of all vessels which have sunk in Philippine waters. The applicant is understood to intend to employ Japanese divers for the work, as no Filipino divers are available; also the Japanese are more expert in this line of work.

According to a report to the Collector of Customs, damage to the extent of P.4,000 was made to the pier at Zamboanga when the *s.s. West Cayote*, an occasional caller at Hong Kong, hit it twice last month. P.1,000 damage was also caused by the *West Cayote* to the *s.s. Kiohal* Maru which was at Zamboanga pier when the *West Cayote* struck it for the first time.

The vessel mentioned hit the pier first on March 19th, when she was docking, and again on the 23rd when leaving. The accident is put down to the swiftness of the tide.

Coal amounting to 8,592 tons was discharged here during the week-end, and 1,250 tons passed through for other ports. A shipment of 1,700 tons of rice also entered the port.

Shipping Movements. The P. & O. *s.s. Mongolia*, from Hong Kong, arrived at Marseilles on April 15th, at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. *s.s. Alipore* left Shanghai for this port on the 15th inst. at 8 a.m., and is due here on the 18th inst. at about 5 p.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Autolagus (Blue Funnel), due April 20th.

Cubana (Melchers), due May 14th. Dusan (Melchers), due May 19th. Duvalia (Blue Funnel), due June 25th.

Dioned (Blue Funnel), due to-day. Elpenor (Blue Funnel), due April 25th.

Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due April 20th. Fulda (Melchers), due May 31st. Helene (Jardine), due May 1st. Helene (Blue Funnel), due June 23rd.

Ision (Blue Funnel), due July 3rd. Janus (B.I. & Apcar), due to-morrow.

Japan (Swed. E.A. Co.), due to-morrow. Kashmir (P. & O.), due May 12th. Mactoon (Blue Funnel), due June 12th.

Manila (P. & O.), due May 26th. Mizapora (P. & O.), due May 10th.

Morea (P. & O.), due April 25th. Nyanza (P. & O.), due April 25th. Orestes (Blue Funnel), due June 3rd.

Patricius (Blue Funnel), due June 22nd. Pelmus (Blue Funnel), due May 5th.

Preussen (Jensen), due May 19th. Sarpodon (Blue Funnel), due May 25th.

Schwaben (Melchers), due April 21st. Tantalus (Blue Funnel), due May 13th.

Tanda (E. & A.), due May 7th. Tilawa (B.I. & Apcar), due April 23rd.

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"MALWA"	10,880	20th April	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,037	21st May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MANTUA"	8,253	11th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NELLORE"	8,833	11th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo, B'way, and Karachi.
"KHIVA"	9,138	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"JEYPORE"	5,313	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"NYANZA"	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MOREA"	10,198	25th May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,048	11th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RAWALPINDI"	15,619	20th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
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"TALMA"	10,000	26th April	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	28th April	do.

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Steamship	Tons	Sail	Destination
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th April	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	5,956	3rd June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st July	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th July	do.

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"NYANZA"	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,833	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MIZAPORA"	6,715	10th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	12th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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